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PREFACE.

One series of letters in the present volume demands a special notice. It is the correspondence of Thos. Ross or Rowe, consisting chiefly of letters addressed by him to Sec. Nicholas. The earlier letters make an allusion to a cypher to be arranged between the two (pp. 69, 79). The following letters use this cypher more or less, and not only are many words in cypher, but the general tone of the letters is a disguise, and they are made to resemble as nearly as possible letters on business matters. The names of political persons and parties are veiled under names of gentlemen, and the important persons generally have three or more pseudonyms, thus:—

Charles II. is Cannon, Creeke, Mrs. Brogden, Hall, or Valentine.
Cromwell,—Dobson, Jackson, Norton, or Pope.
Adm. Blake,—Gourden.
Council of State,—Mrs. Moody.
Levellers,—silkmen or farmers.
The army,—Mrs. Mattersey.
Arms,—lutestrings.
Foot,—dowlas.
Horses,—stuffs, boxes of marmalade, or pairs of shoes.
The fleet,—Sugden.
London,—Layton.
Gloucester,—Westminster.
Chepstow Castle,—Uxbridge.
Defensive arms,—pots of Jesmin.

A declaration,—a lease of ejection.
Hundreds of pounds,—grains of musk.
Letters,—stockings.
To levy men,—to fell timber.
Men,—pounds or tuns of wine.
A port,—a deed of gift.
A pound,—men or pigs of lead.
Presbyterians,—clothiers or dyers.
Royalists,—registers or retailers.

On account of this form of cypher, some of the letters, when decyphered, hardly read intelligibly (pp. 166, 196, 237, 244, 263, 339, 372, 394). We require to keep in mind continually that the commercial phraseology is but a veil for political intelligence. This remark applies still more to the letters addressed to Ross by his correspondents in England; these were more carefully worded as being more liable to interception than his own, which are usually dated from Paris.

In some cases these letters have been wholly or partially decyphered by Nicholas, in others not at all; but a key to the cypher fortunately exists in the collection of cypher keys in the Public Record Office, vol. vi. p. 42. It is not entirely complete, but the blanks are supplied by Nicholas' decyphers, and by the remarks upon the cypher in the letters themselves.

Another set of cypher letters is the correspondence between Sec. Nicholas and his son-in-law, Jos. Jane, at the Hague. This is a case of ordinary figure cypher. No key to it is known to exist, but the letters have been for the most part decyphered by means of a key formed from the interlineations of Jane in some of the letters. Occasionally a name occurs which has not been interlined in any letter, and therefore has to be left to conjecture. The plan of the cypher being quite regular, it is always possible to know what the initial of the missing word is likely to be (p. 159).

It is from these and other letters addressed to Sec. Nicholas that most of our information relative to the Royalists is gathered, as well as much relative to the foreign and domestic proceedings of Cromwell.

The Protector's home policy was gradually becoming more and more stringent. His chief counsellors were St. John, Thurloe, who had formerly been St. John's secretary; Lawrence, president of the Council; and Fiennes, who was brought in by him (p. 80). An ordinance lately passed prohibiting ejected ministers from acting as chaplains or schoolmasters in families, or from preaching anywhere, was felt as a peculiar hardship (p. 28).

Cromwell was keenly alive to his own unpopularity, and took precautions accordingly. He had a system of intelligence both at home and abroad so perfect that the Royalists were in consternation, time after time, to find that their most secret designs were known. To counteract the plots continually hatching against his life, he increased his life guard. That appointed for him in February 1656 was at a total cost of 14,089*l.* a-year, being well nigh double the previous charge (pp. 18, 192), and the pay assigned alike to officers and soldiers was enormous, considering that money was about 4½ times its present value. The captain had 28*s.* a-day, other officers in proportion, and each of the 160 soldiers 4*s.* a-day (p. 203). To meet this charge, without increasing the cost of the army establishment, the troops in the horse regiments were reduced from 50 to 48 (pp. 249, 326). The soldiers of the guard were exempt from ordinary jurisdiction. A bailiff who had arrested one of them was himself taken into custody by order of Council (pp. 317, 337, 582), and a citizen of London who arrested another, was required to give an account of his conduct to Strickland, who was captain of the guard (p. 370).

A Royalist officer, writing on January 10, 1656, says:—

> "I hear from England that, while others enjoyed their Christmas with mirth and freedom, Cromwell doubled his guards of horse and foot, on either real or pretended fears of the Anabaptists, who have been active and bold in feeling the pulse of several officers of the army. Some say, (but it is thought a fable), that they have lately tampered with his barber to make short work with him, but they certainly hope to destroy him by prayer, which (as they say) was the way they raised him. Simpson, with one or two other fierce Levites and a cornet of Harrison's regiment, are made prisoners on this account.
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> "Ludlow, after his close imprisonment at Beaumaris, was brought before Council on the charge of not acknowledging the present power; he refuses to give bond to be faithful to it, yet he is set at liberty, and has leave to go about the country, to ensnare him (as is believed). When Cromwell, lest he should disturb him during his absence in Scotland, made him Lieutenant-General of the Irish horse, a friend called to congratulate him, when his reply was that 'he must needs go whom the devil drives;' so you see the jealousy between them.
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> "The poor orthodox clergy have passed a Sunday in silence; the old Bishop of Armagh has been with Cromwell, but to little purpose, though he had some court holy-water, a dinner, and a confirmation of church leases in Ireland" (p. 109).

The majority of the army officers however still remained faithful to the Protector, and held a meeting at Whitehall, at which the idea of an hereditary Protectorate was broached and met with approval. This and other points of legislation were discussed and virtually settled, and then it was proposed to call a Parliament for the sake of formal approval of what was already done (p. 209). Such was Parliamentary rule under the so-called Commonwealth!

The King's party in England suffered severely under the decimation tax, and "panic fear" "entered the most generous breasts." The oath to be imposed would destroy them, it was said, like a massacre. The authorities were very severe in exacting the tenths, "and every gentleman must give in the number of his servants and security for their deportment, so that all show of liberty is lost. I pray," adds the writer, "that the sense and memory of it be not lost too, if they be long used to the burden" (p. 69).

Another Royalist writer says: "I hope our friends in England, being now under the lash, are so sensible of the smart that they will do their duty" (p. 79). On the other hand, one of the instruments of these decimation proceedings, Col. Rowland Dawkins, writing to the Protector from Swansea, says: "The effects of our work are very observable; our enemies are much terrified, our friends encouraged, peace secured, and wickedness suppressed. Though the dealing is severe, the people of this country think it necessary; just indulgence has but hardened them in their malignity, and but for our proceedings, the good interest had been overtopped by the royal and worldly" (p. 265).

About the same time Sec. Nicholas writes:—

> "We hear of 3 more gentlemen imprisoned in England, on some intelligence from the miscreant Manning. Cromwell finds opposition in the counties in settling taxes for raising money to maintain forces, for the peace of the country, as he pretends. Sir John Mounson, at a late meeting in Lincoln thereon, told Whalley, major-general of that shire, that he had compounded formerly at a dear rate, that the Act of Oblivion freed him, and that having ever since his composition submitted to the Government, he conceives it very unjust to demand anything from him, and that he would pay no more taxes. Thereupon he rose, and the rest of the gentlemen followed, but a troop of horse was sent after Mounson, and he was carried prisoner to his own house.
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> "The deputies or majors in all counties proceed with rigour in assessing all compounders, and others not actually in Cromwell's service or favour" (p. 303).

"Several persons are now sequestrated for being in the late King's garrisons in time of war, though they only lived there because their estates were there, and never acted; but nothing will satisfy the Majors General, whose wills are laws in the country. I am very sorry for the sufferings of these neuters" (p. 210).

And again, a few months later,—

"There are great distempers now among the great ones that rule in England, and Cromwell is more full of jealousies than ever. Lambert is the army's darling and the only person courted; he has acted more these three weeks than in all his time before. He is daily in Council, and carries all before him; he has chosen all the new life-guard, who are absolutely his creatures. Col. Lockier [Wm. Lockhart] who married a kinsman of Cromwell, goes ambassador to France, but with him Lambert sends his secretary, a subtle villain. The rebels are still in great want of money, and Cromwell intends, by his Majors General, to make the rich citizens pay him good sums. Many gentlemen are leaving London, choosing rather to fall into the hands of the country Majors-General than into those appointed for London and Middlesex. People that never thought of going beyond seas are now meditating how to get out of England speedily" (p. 236).

His correspondent, replying from Paris, writes thus:—

"I cannot tell what to say as to your writing that Lambert is the darling of the army. It is true that he is the only active person in England, and the man used by the Protector formerly to cajole the army, so that I hear that the army are not well pleased with him" (p. 265).

The Royalists who were driven out of their country retired for the most part to Flanders, where a plot was hatched, including amongst its favourers several discontented Parliamentarians, who craved the King's distinct approbation of their scheme, and the assurance that the past would be forgiven in favour of their present loyalty (pp. 133, 155). The leading features of the plot were to surprise Gloucester and Bristol, and then effect a rising, to start which 6,000 men were promised (pp. 329, 344).

It was hoped that Charles II. would receive an invitation to remove to Flanders; Antwerp was at first spoken of (p. 196), but the invitation was tardy in its arrival. Sec. Nicholas writes from Cologne, on 23 November 1665,—

"Many of our friends would have the King go to Flanders without invitation, and negotiate his own business with the Archduke and the King of Spain's ministers. Some are so earnest that they would not have him wait till he knows that his presence there would not be unacceptable, which is a strange precipitation, and might beget distrust in a people that love to walk with a slow pace in affairs of consequence. If the King hastens into Flanders before he is expected, it may so disorder the ministers that they may advise him to withdraw, or it may make Cromwell the sooner patch up a peace with Spain, with the same conditions for excluding the King and his family out of all his dominions as the King of France has consented to, and what then would become of his Majesty? Keep all this to yourself, and let me have your opinion on it" (p. 31).

The following February he writes, still from Cologne:—

"We expect by the next post an *invitation from Flanders* for the *King's going thither*, and *Hyde* is so full of belief *of it as* he is earnest *with me* that *I* should prepare to *go with him on Monday* next from *here; but till I* see that *the King is invited, I* shall *not be* so *hasty;* if the *King* shall *command me to* [go] when the first *company* doth, *I* shall *leave* my wife and *family here till I see* where *the King* will *settle,* and Ned, who is lame with the gout, shall *stay with* his mother. If the *King* when *in Flanders* makes a conjunction with *Spain,* and settles in those parts, consider whether you had not best remove thither" (p. 191; the italics are in cypher).

The hopes of the English Royalists were concentrating upon a breach between Cromwell and Spain (p. 32); this might lead to an alliance between Spain and Charles II., which would unite their efforts against the common foe. Charles offered great service to Spain by sea and land, if that King would allow him the free use of Dunkirk and Ostend. Charles expected much from the loyalty of the English fleet, if only they had ports to which they could securely resort, and from those ports troops could be conveniently landed in England. The Admiral of Ostend promised the King 3 ships, and Charles proposed to live near Dunkirk (p. 32).

If Royalist authorities are to be credited, the discontent was general in the English fleet. In a confidential letter written 4 March, 1655–6, Sec. Nicholas says:—

> "The fleet in the Downs is very mutinous. Blake and Montague were sent by Cromwell to pacify the seamen, who are angry because Lawson is not Vice-admiral. Cromwell took his commission from him, suspecting him to have had a hand in last year's mutiny. Badiley takes his place, but is not so well beloved as the other. The discontent among seamen is so general that, if they had known they would have security in the King of Spain's ports, by his having made a fast conjunction with our King, many, nay most of the fleet would have abandoned Cromwell, who is said to be most odious among the seamen" (p. 209).

The Royalists took means to foster this discontent (p. 237). One outcome of it was great reluctance on the part of seamen to accept service in the fleet. The agents employed to press them are constantly reporting the extreme difficulty they find to obtain men (pp. 160).

From Plymouth, Yarmouth, Aldborough, and Southwold, came complaints not only that the men ran away from the press, but that the bailiffs, constables, &c., refused to give the press-masters vigorous assistance, and practically connived at the escape of sailors (pp. 157–8, 163, 169, 173, 215).

Major Burton writes from Yarmouth:—

> "Southwold was beset by Col. Brewster's troop, but the officers of the town were so base that they could not get a man; as fast as our people searched one part of the town, they got into the other, although they searched with candles. I am sending warrants to the constables in the hundreds to apprehend the seamen who were pressed, and have run away with the State's money, as also to

impress others, but the seamen are so afraid of being sent to the West Indies that they say they would as soon be hanged. I never saw men so hard to be obtained in my life" (p. 160).

Another reason of the unpopularity of sea service was the prevalence of piracy, and the frequency of captures of ships.

The unsettled state of affairs between England and Spain was productive of very disastrous results at sea. An order was given for seizure of all Spanish ships in English harbours, and letters of marque were frequently issued to sufferers from the Spaniards (pp. 17, 250, 301, 388). Some time elapsed before a formal order was issued to seize English ships in Flanders (pp. 31, 50, &c.), yet the Dunkirkers and Ostenders were cruising about in all directions at sea. Not only these, but ships set out by privateers, with commissions from Charles II., and James Duke of York, as Lord Admiral, manned partially at least by Englishmen, inflicted great damage on all vessels that were heedless enough to venture without convoy (pp. 281, 298, 304, 343–4, &c.). A proclamation was issued ordering that no quarter be given to Englishmen taken on board such vessels, as they had already been summoned to return home (p. 293).

Petitions for the grant of convoys, and complaints of the mischiefs accruing from their paucity and the difficulty of obtaining them, are very frequent (pp. 203, 210–1, 229, 239–40, 264, &c.)

Whether there would actually be a declaration of war between England and Spain was for some time matter of doubt. In November 1655, it was said that Spain still hankered after an accommodation, and that an envoy from Cromwell had arrived at Madrid, but that the King held back, in hopes that the Levellers would fulfil the promise they had made to kill the obnoxious Protector, and then "he would easily make peace with England, though it were a Republic, as probably it would be if that monster were in his grave" (p. 31). In December it was still surmised that Cromwell would "patch up a trade-peace" (p. 68). Things took a turn, however, with the new year, and on 1 February we are told that the King of Spain is resolved to arm all he can against Cromwell. The point on which conciliation had become impossible was that Cromwell demanded free trade in the West Indies, and some ports there to secure that commerce "which the King of Spain will rather hazard his crown than yield to" (pp. 159–60).

His apprehensions of Cromwell's designs were strengthened by an evidence of design to plant West Indian colonies, as 2,000 young women were sent over thither. "An excellent expedient," writes Nicholas,

> "to pay the godly women for their silver thimbles and bodkins, lent the rebellious State at the beginning of the rebellion, for in those Indies, they may have wedges and ingots of silver, to make thimbles and bodkins for all the holy sisters in England" (p. 210).

The previous volume of this Calendar notes Cromwell's capture of Jamaica, and the preparation of another fleet for the West Indies. This volume records the preparation of two fleets; one was to be under Vice-Admiral Lawson, who was to command the "Resolution," but he was superseded; either he refused to go because he was required to act under sealed orders for greater secrecy, and was not allowed to know the object of the expedition (pp. 135, 141, 197), or Cromwell took his commission from him. Both statements are made by Royalist authorities (p. 209). Vice-Admiral Rich. Badiley was appointed in his place, but was not nearly so popular among the seamen.

The other fleet was to be under Generals Blake and Montague, to go to the Straits (p. 110). Its equipment and manning were strenuously cared for, and an embargo was laid on other ships, at the time of its departure, that sailors might be obtained with less difficulty (pp. 187, 191, 195). On 29 February 1656, we hear that "our terrible fleet of 40 ships is nearly ready, but wants men, and money will not be had on any condition" (p. 206). The lack of men was supplied by putting soldiers on board, in the proportion of one to five of the seamen (pp. 65, 119), and in March the ships were fairly started, sailing from Torbay (p. 513). On April 2 three provision ships were sent after them to Lisbon, and on 9 April their arrival at the Southward Cape is recorded.

Their first object seems to have been to intercept the Spanish West India ships. In this they were only partially successful, as they record the arrival of 4 West India ships in Spain, and the departure of 28 Spanish sail, whereof 3 were men of war, to the West Indies (pp. 529, 534).

Their second object was to bring the King of Portugal to a decision as to the part that he would take in the impending contest between England and Spain. The articles first tendered to him were liberty of religion to English merchants there resident; leave to victual in his ports; and the payment of 20,000*l*. which was promised for damages done by the Portuguese to English merchants. These requests were at first flatly refused. Cromwell, in his anxiety to secure access to the ports of Portugal, in his approaching contest with Spain, consented to waive the article about religion, and early in March, sent Phil. Meadows over as envoy (p. 236, 503, 504). A more powerful argument than any that Meadows could use however was the arrival, in the neighbourhood, of the English fleet. In May we hear that Blake is ordered to attend the return of the Portugal fleet from Brazil, and threaten the intercepting of it and the appropriating of its treasures (p. 333). A correspondent on one of the ships writes thus:

> "Those in the fleet regret being idle. When we left England we expected to have done great things, and should have done but for slackness and false intelligence. The Spaniard keeps his fleet in, is strengthening his garrisons, and does not intend making any attempts upon us, but merely try to weary us out, and we, with our present strength, are not able to molest him. We are too self-conceited and selfish. Men are troubled for want of prizes, but not that the work of God does not go on, and that we do no service against our enemy, one of the main supporters of the whore of Babylon. England's glory must be performed by England's self-denial.
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> "The Portugal begins to be very jealous of us, and is afraid of his Brazil fleet, which is expected home in six weeks. He has denied the building of an English church in Lisbon, as the Pope and Jesuits will not consent, and no men are allowed to go further on shore than the watering place. The fleet is in good condition, and men healthy. We are expecting ships from Holland, laden with munition, and 2 great Holland merchantmen are stayed on suspicion.
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> "The English fleet is much troubled by 3 gallies that come out of Cadiz every morning in calm weather, and as they keep beyond the guns' range, there has been a great waste of powder and shot on them, without anything being done" (p. 313).

On June 16, the same correspondent writes from Cascaes Roads:

> "The fleet arrived here on the 5th inst., and forced a conclusion of the 5 years' work already spent, which would have taken 5 more in shuffling, had we not come and lain between the Brazils fleet and home. The Colchester went to Lisbon, and received the 50,000*l.* ordered to be paid on the agreement, and it has since been shipped in the Sapphire and Phœnix for England. The Rear-Admiral with his squadron were also sent for from Cadiz here. The Spanish business does not look handsomely, but I

conceive our designs will take effect, and be greatly for the honour of the nation. We hear 4 Hollanders got into Cadiz with anchors, cables, powder, and shot, while the Rear-Admiral was watering at Tanzy [Tangiers ?]. I think Cadiz, with the Spanish Armada lying unrigged, is worth the sending over 8,000 or 10,000 men, as, if Cadiz should not be taken, yet the beleaguring of it, while we are destroying the Armada, would save a deal of charge, by keeping less ships upon that coast, and the Spaniard would be wholly undone, and we should thus be able, with less danger, to possess and keep any place we have a mind to for the future upon his sea coast.

" P.S.—The Generals, hearing that the man-of-war which took the Cullen was gone into Vigo with her prize, have sent the Fairfax with 5 others, either to bring her away or burn her" (p. 373).

This ends the information on the subject afforded in the present volume.

Several points of home legislation deserve notice. Col. Edm. Harvey, one of the Commissioners of Customs, and Capt. Langham, their cashier general, being suspected of fraud in the discharge of their important duties, were suspended and committed, Harvey to the Tower, and Langham to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms (pp. 8, 9). A committee appointed to examine the whole accounts reported that the smallness of the cashier's salary—only 100*l.* a year—had subjected him to undue temptation (pp. 16, 19).

Harvey fell ill under the strain of his confinement and its attendant anxieties; physicians were sent to the Tower to examine him and, on their report, he was allowed in December to go to his house at Fulham for a month, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower to give himself up to custody at the month's end (p. 76). This security was first fixed at the enormous sum of 20,000*l.*, equal to more than 80,000*l.* of our present money (p. 78), but it was afterwards reduced to 10,000*l.* (p. 92). Process was issued from the Exchequer on his estate, both real and personal, for payment of the moneys due for Customs (pp. 119, 137), and on that account he was allowed the liberty needed to pursue his affairs (p. 129). Shortly after, his leave of absence from the Tower was renewed, and he finally obtained his discharge (p. 169).

As it was found necessary that Langham, being cashier, should from time to time be present at the examination of the accounts, he was liberated on bail, in such sums as the Committee for Preservation of Customs should decide upon (pp. 242–3).

In spite of the repeated requests of Harvey and of Judith his wife, for dispatch, the enquiries were long and tedious (pp. 55, 71, 99, 164). The issue was that the Commissioners, viz., Harvey, Ald. Rob. Tichborne, Mark Hildesley, and the late Dan. Taylor, were brought in debtors to the amount of nearly 50,000*l.*, and this sum was rigorously demanded (pp. 38, 273). They pleaded for delay, and revision, the accounts being long, and complicated by the cashier, and obtained first a week, and then a fortnight's delay (pp. 286, 295).

Meantime the Navy Treasurer, Hutchinson, requested the appointment of a committee to enquire into an unjust demand of Harvey for sums that were never paid to Hutchinson, that the guilty might be proceeded against; the case was referred to the Committee on Public Money (p. 292), and the Customs' Commissioners were finally brought in debtors only to the amount of 23,000*l.* Of this part fell to the share of the estate of the late Dan. Taylor, one of the Commissioners, whose heir being under age, there was difficulty in raising his proportion. They were prepared to pay in 13,000*l.*, but they begged a respite for the remaining 10,000*l.*, on the plea of the improvement of Customs whilst in their hands—

the interception of trade with Holland and Portugal, and the prohibition of French commodities notwithstanding—and also of the obligation laid on them to make good all losses sustained through the collectors of out-ports, which had been allowed to their predecessors (p. 328). Finally an arrangement by which they proposed to pay 22,000*l.* within 18 months was accepted, but reducing the time to 12 months (pp. 352–3).

A fresh contract was entered into with other Commissioners for the management of the Customs, but the particulars of it transpire only partially (p. 232). Cromwell himself guarded the provisoes, so as to make not only the superior officers, but the inferior, dependent on himself for their appointments and retention in office (p. 241, 245).

The proceeds of the Excise and Customs having been set apart for the use of the navy, it was ordered that the Commissioners should pay them weekly to the Navy Treasurer, drawing up weekly accounts. Many of these are still preserved, and will appear in a series in the calendar for December 1656 (pp. 259, 282).

An offer was made by three merchants, whose long trading had given them experience in matters relating to Customs, to take the supervision of this branch of the revenue, which they expected to raise 100,000*l.* a year, and their demand was only 2*s.* a pound on any advance above 50,000*l.* It was deemed expedient that they should have the oversight of the subordinate officers, for discovery of fraud or neglect in the management of exports and imports, and a patent was granted them accordingly (pp. 41–2, 64).

Another point of interest in home legislation was the treatment of the Jews, relative to their free admission to trade in England. Manasseh Ben-Israel published a book, which he presented to Council, in favour of the legality of their admission. Their requests were for personal security, freedom of worship, private cemeteries, permission to trade freely, appointment of an officer to whom they should take the oath of fidelity, and leave to reconcile their own differences among themselves, without appeal to civil law. Also a general revocation of former edicts against Jews.

These proposals met with strong opposition; it was urged that they would seduce the English to Judaism, would injure trade, and that the Jews would set a bad example by their practices in regard to marriage and divorce, and their laxity as to the observance of oaths to Christians. It was represented that they ought not to be allowed to speak, act, or write, to the disparagement of Christianity, to keep Christian servants, or to hold any office of trust, and that severe penalties should be inflicted on any persons apostatizing to Judaism (pp. 15–6).

A large committee of 28 persons, representing the interests of religion, law, and trade, was appointed to meet with the Committee of Council to which the petition of the Jews had been referred (p. 23), to consult as to granting them some concessions, but the strong religious prejudices of the people took alarm at the idea of the proposed toleration. A captain and Navy Commissioner writes: "I observe the great business of the Jews is under consideration. I hope the Lord will direct in a matter of such concernment. If the first question should be passed in the affirmative—whether a Jewish nation shall be admitted to live in this Commonwealth—I hope the next will be whether a nation shall be suffered by a law to live amongst us to blaspheme Christ" (p. 51). A few days later he thanks his correspondent for his large letter about the Jews, "by which I perceive there are workings of the heart to know God's mind in a business of such consequence. I hope it is in truth, and that the Lord will appear, so as that their table may not prove our snare. I see cause to fall in with Mr. Peters again, especially with the latter part of his discourse, for there may be just grounds to question whether they be Jews, and it may be observed that some of them have made but little conscience of their own principles" (p. 58).

This was in December 1655. By the following March, though far from having obtained all their requests, they had made some progress. They had obtained leave to meet in their private houses for devotion, and by the agency of Manasseh Ben Israel, they renewed their desire for a written protection, and for licence to have their own cemetery out of town (p. 237).

An incidental notice of Ben Israel occurs in reference to a polyglot edition of the Bible, concerning which there are several letters addressed to Williamson, who was one of the subscribers (pp. 286, 339, 366).

H. Thorndike writes that the late Lord Primate, Archbishop Laud, made him consult Ben Israel about the original of the Masora, "which (as he had read) contained the bulk of a Bible, carefully prepared in some of their synagogues, and he offered to pay for it, if it could be procured, so as to ascertain the reading of their Bible; but either skill or will to pleasure Christians was wanting, for I could not persuade him to comply. If it had been obtained, it could not have come into this edition, but somewhat might have been found about the value of the original" (p. 366).

The letters addressed to Williamson, afterwards secretary to Charles II., give us some insight into the literary life of the times. Williamson was a fellow of Queen's

College, Oxford, and a collector of books, and therefore in his correspondence we have a sprinkling of college news and gossip about books. Moreover Williamson became travelling tutor to four youths, sons of Mr. Brome Whorwood, of Sandwell, co. Stafford, of Sir Fras. Norris, of Sir John Lowther, and of Lady Lowther by a former marriage. In the fond anxieties of the parents, and the erratic tendencies of the sons, we have a specimen of the "old and young England" of the 17th century. Sir Francis Norris writes to Williamson, then at Saumur in France:

"I hope Ned will make the best use of his time. Let him not want for anything fit for him. My wife sends her service. Our blessing to Ned" (p. 188).

"I hope Ned's good disposition continues, gentle dealing does best with him. There has been a sad accident by quarrels among friends. The place where you are is very dangerous; Ned should have some money in his purse, beside the 50*l.* that I shall send him. I hope he will give himself to reading, and learn to understand French" (p. 281).

Again, he writes:

"I send 60*l.*; 10*l.* is for Ned's own purse. I see your influence over him continues, and I hope there is no difference. I wish he were more in love with your reading to him. Mr. Whorwood speaks of his son's coming home if mine does, but we must understand each other's intentions.

"Do you discover an aptness in my son to the language? I should like him to write and read it. I enclose a letter to him from his mother; he will notice her motherly counsel; he is very dear to her. There must be clothes bought" (p. 298).

On June 18 he writes further:

"Mr. Whorwood only said he would send for his son when I sent for mine, but only that I love Ned's company, I think he is as well there; if he wishes to go further, I will not hinder. The route you speak of for Italy is somewhat dangerous, both by sea and land. Tell me what Ned desires; he will be much bettered by this going abroad. Do not let him have too much disputation about religion.

"We have hot weather. Ned should avoid violent excursions and strong wine. God preserve him from infection. Tell him his colt is a very fine one" (p. 378).

Sir John Lowther writes:

"I find from my son that my letters to him are missing; they commended improvement in his style and matter, and reproved some excess in expense; he must not exceed the allowance of a younger brother, but I find by cousin Northleigh that he is too much given to tennis. Tell me his faults that I may use my authority to cross them. Be circumspect of his carriage, and remove occasions of folly from him. I will send the salary, and if the fruits answer our hopes, I will be mindful of you. Can you receive a youth of 17, son of a special friend of mine, who is to be sent to France, and if so, at what allowance?" (p. 333).

And again:

"I suppose my wife's son has arrived with you. Have an eye over their actions, and prevent their errors. My son Richard cannot stay long, as I intend him for the common law, but he should get the language by reading authors and conversing. We go north to-day; write me of their progress in study" (p. 387).

Mr. Whorwood, sen., writes:

"I am troubled that you do not get my letters and remittances for Brome. I will consult with Sir Fras. Norris about your intended motion with your charge, which I like. I am sorry they make so slow progress with their French, but better creep than stand still; do all you can to promote it. Tell Brome I am sorry he is such a blockhead, pleasing himself rather than me" (p. 372).

Several entries occur in this volume relating to the foundation of a college in the city of Durham. It originated in a petition of the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants of the city, and of the justices, sheriffs, grand jury, and gentlemen of the county, for the foundation of a college for religious education, the houses of the late dean and prebends to be settled on trustees, and the funds given to the college, as also the rental of Wickham and Gateside manors, formerly belonging to the bishop (pp. 140, 156).

A committee of 5 members of Council was appointed to consider of persons fit to draw up regulations for it (p. 213), and they returned a list of 26 persons, 9 of whom were members of Council, 3 law officers, several ministers, and others gentlemen of Durham and Newcastle, who were to meet at Whitehall for the purpose (pp. 218, 288, 297, 325). To forward the undertaking, letters were addressed by Council to 14 gentlemen of Durham, Darlington, Newcastle, and York, requesting their subscriptions in its behalf, "considering the advantage to the gentry round of its speedy erection" (p. 262).

We find several notices of the seizure of books, both on moral and political grounds, *e.g.*:

"Sportive Wit; or, the Muses' Merriment," as being scurrilous and profane (pp. 288, 298).

"Choice Drollery, Songs and Sonnets," on the same ground, delivered to the Sheriffs of London to be burnt (p. 314). Likewise *Ex otio negotium;* or, Martial's Epigrams translated, as tending to the corruption of manners (p. 325).

Certain books not named were also seized as "reflexive upon the present Government" (p. 308).

We have an account of the performance, in May 1656, of Sir Wm. Davenant's opera, afterwards printed under the title of "An Entertainment at Rutland House," but here called "The Entertainment by Music and Declarations, after the Manner of the Ancients" (p. 396).

Also notice of a Council order, granted at request of Gen. Montague, that the "monument money at Westminster should be appropriated in reversion to the maintenance of 5 masters of music" (p. 204). One of these, Thos. Ball, a Royalist, was allowed to remain in London and Westminster, and teach music, the late Proclamation notwithstanding (p. 63).

The period embraced by the present volume is only eight months, owing to the number of original papers preserved, which are more abundant in 1656 than in the years immediately before or afterwards.

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Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council.

Names.	November 1655.																Totals 16.
	1	2	6	7	8	9	13	14	15	16	20	21	27	28	29	30	
Lord Protector Cromwell	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	12
President Lawrence	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
Desborow, Major-General	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	12
Fiennes, Colonel	p*	p	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	6
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
Lambert, Major-General	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	12
Lisle, Viscount	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	–	11
Montague, Colonel	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	13
Mulgrave, Earl of	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	10
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	p	–	–	–	p	p	–	p	–	–	p	–	p	–	6
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	3
Strickland, W.	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	14
Sydenham, Colonel Wm.	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
Wolsley, Sir Charles	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	8

Names.	December 1655.																Totals 16.
	4	5	11	12	13	18	19	20	20	21	25	26	27	27	28	28	
Lord Protector Cromwell	p	p	–	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	11
President Lawrence	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
Desborow, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fiennes, Colonel	–	p	p*	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	6
Fleetwood, Lord Deputy	p	p	–	–	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	8
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
Lambert, Major-General	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	15
Lisle, Viscount	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
Montague, Colonel	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	9
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	10
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	9
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	–	4
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Strickland, W.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	15
Sydenham, Colonel W.	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	12
Wolsley, Sir Charles	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	14

Names.	January 1656.																			Totals 19.
	1	2	3	4	8	9	11	11	15	16	17	18	22	23	24	25	29	30	31	
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Lord President Lawrence	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
Desborow, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fiennes, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen., Ld. Deputy of Ireland.	p	p	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	14
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	17
Lambert, Major-General	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	16
Lisle, Viscount	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	16
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Mulgrave, Earl of	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	–	13
Rous, Colonel Anth.	p	–	p	p	–	–	p	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	11
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	2
Strickland, W.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
Sydenham, Colonel W.	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	14
Wolsley, Sir Charles	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	16

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* Vice-President in Lawrence's absence.—Ed.

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	February 1656.																				
	1	5	6	8	12	13	14	15	16	19	19	20	21	21	22	23	27	28	29	29	Totals 20.
Lord Prot^{r}. Cromwell	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	–	p	–	–	–	p	5
Lo. President Lawrence	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	8
Fiennes, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	4
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen., Ld. Deputy of Ireland.	p	p	–	p	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	6
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	p	11
Lambert, Major-Gen.	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	13
Lisle, Viscount	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
Montague, Colonel	–	p	–	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Mulgrave, Earl of	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	13
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	1
Rous, Colonel Anth.	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	–	p	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	–	12
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	9
Strickland, W.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
Sydenham, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	9
Wolsley, Sir Charles	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	13

Names.	March 1656.														
	4	6	7	11	12	13	14	18	19	20	21	25	26	27	Totals 14.
Lord Prot^{r}. Cromwell	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
President Lawrence	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	14
Desborow, Maj.-Gen	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	10
Fiennes, Colonel	p	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen., Ld. Deputy of Ireland.	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	12
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	13
Lambert, Major-Gen.	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
Lisle, Viscount	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	12
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	12
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	p	p	p	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	10
Rous, Colonel Anth.	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	7
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Strickland, W.	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	12
Sydenham, Colonel	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9
Wolsley, Sir Charles	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	14

Names.	April 1656.																		
	1	2	3	4	9	10	11	15	16	17	17	18	22	22	23	24	25	29	Totals 18.
Lord Prot^{r}. Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	3
President Lawrence	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	17
Fiennes, Colonel	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Fleetwood, Lieut.-Gen., Ld. Deputy of Ireland.	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	13
Jones, Colonel P.	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
Lambert, Major-Gen.	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	15
Lisle, Viscount	p	p	p	–	p	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	12
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	14
Pickering, Sir G.	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	5
Rous, Colonel Anth.	p	p	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	–	p	–	–	p	–	p	p	10
Skippon, Major-Gen	–	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	p	p	p	11
Strickland, W.	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
Sydenham, Colonel	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	–	–	–	p	p	p	14
Wolsley, Sir Charles	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	May 1656.																Totals 16.
	1	1	5	6	6	7	8	9	13	15	16	20	22	22	27	29	
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	9
Lord President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	15
Desborow, Major-General	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	10
Fiennes, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Fleetwood, Lieut.-General, Lord Deputy of Ireland.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	9
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Lambert, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	9
Lisle, Viscount	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p**	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	9
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	9
Skippon, Major-General	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Wolsley, Sir Charles	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5

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Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	2
Lord President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Desborow, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6
Fleetwood, Lieut.-General, Lord Deputy of Ireland.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	9
Lambert, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	9
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	8
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	7
Skippon, Major-General	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	6
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	9
Sydenham, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	7

TOTAL ATTENDANCES OF THE PROTECTOR'S COUNCIL.

	1655.		1656.						
Months	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held	16	16	19	20	14	18	16	10	129
Lord Protector Cromwell	12	11	2	5	1	3	9	2	45
President Lawrence	15	15	19	20	14	18	15	10	126
Desborow, Major-General	12	0	0	8	10	17	10	10	67
Fiennes, Colonel	6	6	4	4	4	7	8	6	45
Fleetwood, Lieut.-General, Lord Deputy of Ireland.	—	8	14	6	12	13	9	8	70
Jones, Colonel P.	16	16	17	11	13	18	16	9	116
Lambert, Major-General	12	15	16	13	13	15	9	9	102
Lisle, Viscount	11	13	16	20	12	12	12	8	104
Montague, Colonel	13	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	31
Mulgrave, Earl of	10	10	15	13	12	14	9	0	83
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	6	9	13	1	10	5	12	3	59
Rous, Colonel Anth.	6	4	11	12	7	10	9	7	66
Skippon, Major-General	3	0	2	9	0	11	7	6	38
Strickland, W.	14	15	19	19	12	16	16	9	120
Sydenham, Colonel	15	12	14	9	9	14	16	9	98
Wolsley, Sir Charles	8	14	16	13	14	10	5	7	87

* Vice-President in Lawrence's absence.

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Nov. 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The report from the Committee of a draft of an order for an embargo on all ships and goods of the King of Spain or his subjects read, altered, agreed to, presented, and approved.

2. An order for constituting a Trade Committee read, and several votes passed, resolving that the following should be of the Trade Committee, added to those named in an order of July 17, 1655:—

Lord Rich. Cromwell.
Fiennes and Lisle Great Seal Commissioners.
John Glynn Chief Justice of Upper Bench.
Wm. Steele Lord Chief Baron.
Justice Hale.
John Stone of London.
Ald. Rob. Tichborne of London.
— Thos. Bonner of Newcastle.
— Thos. Dickenson of York.
Mr. Toll of Lyme.
— Dunne of Yarmouth.
Mr. Cullen of Dover.
Francis Drake of Sussex.
Rich. Norton.
Jos. Jackson of Bristol
Col. [John] Bright.
Mr. Legay of Southampton.
John Trevor.
Sir Gilbert Gerard.
Sir John Hobart.
Wm. Berry.
John Crew.
Wm. Peirpoint.
Wm. Ashurst.

3, 4. The questions if Sir Job Harvey or Thos. Challoner stand for this committee passed in the negative.

5. Any of the Council who come to this Trade Committee to have voices.

6, 7. The Committee, to sit in the painted chamber at Westminster, meet Nov. 27, and have power to adjourn. The order so amended, with these words, [the said salaries in the whole not exceeding], omitted, passed as follows:—

8. Lord Rich. Cromwell and the rest of the above named Commissioners, with Montague, Sydenham, Wolsley, Pickering, and Jones, Sir Bulstrode Whitelock and Sir Thos. Widdrington, Serjeants-at-law; Oliver St. John, Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas; Thos. Grove, Christ. Pack, and Andrew Riccards, Aldermen of London; Maurice Thompson, Denis Bond, Sir Hen. Blount, John Upton, Geo. Foxcroft, Nath. Wright, Martin Noel, Capt. Hen. Hatsell, and — Snow of

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Exeter, merchant, to be the Trade and Navigation Committee, to regulate and improve trade, and receive propositions for the benefit thereof; to send for Customs' officers, or others of experience, to consult with, to view all records of the late Trade Council which may be useful; and when they have decided on any new measure, to report the same to Council. With power to appoint a secretary, clerks, and other officers, with fit salaries, and to report them for Council's approval, that the salaries may be ordered to be paid. All the members of the Committee to be summoned by letter.

9. A stop to be made of the cutting down and carrying away of valuable timber on Lorking farm, Berks, part of the estate of Sir Henry Moore, who was engaged in the last insurrection. The Receiver-General of Berks to see this order executed.

10. The particulars brought in by Col. Sydenham of the pensions charged on the Exchequer, with the arrears on other payments, beside the Navy, referred to the Treasury Commissioners who are members of Council, also to Desborow, Lambert, and Jones, to consider which of the sums mentioned must be paid at once, and to report. *Annexing,*

96. I. *List of pensions alluded to, total,* 54,318*l. a year; with list of arrears,* 90,888*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* [2 *pages.*]

11. The Treasury Commissioners to sign warrants for the 2 Privy seals, payable to Martin Noel, for so much paid by him to his Highness' agents abroad, the restraint of 5 Oct. notwithstanding.

13. Order that there be a standing Committee of Council, consisting of all the members, to 3 or more of whom are referred all private petitions now come, or which shall come before Council, and all petitions, reports, &c., already depending; they are to proceed on them in course, without varying the general rules, unless by special leave of Council. Their power to commence this day, and they are to meet in the room next the Council Chamber. Every Thursday to be set apart for receiving their reports.

14. The Committee's report on Lionel Scott's case to be considered tomorrow.

15. The King of Spain has laid an embargo on English ships and goods in his dominions without premonition—although by the Treaty of 1630, 6 months' notice was to be given, in case of a breach of peace between the nations,—and justifies his conduct on pretence of an English fleet sent to the West Indies, although it is notorious that for years the kings of Spain exercised barbarity towards all English coming for trade, or driven by weather into the West Indies. Therefore his Highness, after full debate in Council, finds himself obliged to remedy these hostile courses, and grants a general embargo on all ships and goods belonging to the said King or his subjects, and also universal reprisals against the subjects of Spain, Flanders, and his other territories, at sea or in port, to be brought to judgment in the Admiralty Court, and condemned ac-

Nov. 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

according to the law of nations and usages of that Court; the judges and advocate to examine proofs and proceed to judgment, on these and other claims made already by the said King's subjects, but not determined. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 357–361.]

Nov. $\frac{1}{11}$ Rotterdam. **97.** Luke Whittington to [Sec. Nicholas]. If it is not convenient for the King to grant me the 10 or 12 commissions for privateers on the terms I asked, then beg him to restore me as his agent for maritime affairs at Dunkirk, and the other ports of Flanders, for which purpose I have drawn up a petition to him, which I send. I hope to do as good service in that employment as any.

I have written the news to your son Edward. [1 *page. Endorsed by Nicholas as received,* $\frac{4}{14}$ *Nov.*] *Enclosing,*

97. I. *Petition of Luke Whittington to the King, for the said post, which he before held, and by great industry, made it yield profit, which it had not done before; but he was turned out through mis-information of Wm. Loving, without compensation for losses, and was traduced as having defrauded the King and Duke of York of great sums in his accounts.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. **98.** Petition of Sir Roger Palmer, K.B., to the Protector, for leave to stay in town, to make up great accounts in the Exchequer, by virtue of his late office of Cofferer. Is also summoned before the Lords of the Treasury for 7 Nov., and has no other abode. Falls under the late Declaration, ordering the late King's party to leave London and Westminster, though he has lived peaceably since the surrender of Oxford. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. Order thereon in Council that he have leave to stay in town till the next term. [*I.* 76, *p.* 361.]

Nov. 2. **99.** Petition of Wm. Sherman and Col. Purbeck Temple to the Treasury Commissioners. Sherman has long held the office of Registrar to the Vicar-General of Canterbury, with the institution of clerks to benefices, the granting of marriage licences, and many dispensations, and a jurisdiction of 100 parishes for probate of wills and letters of administration; he also had the registries of the archdeaconries of Exeter and Totness, 300 parishes, which was the most of his livelihood. He has shown his affection to Parliament by advance of horses and money. Having assigned ½ his office 9 years ago to his nephew, Purbeck Temple, he begs a commission to him to grant marriage licences in the province of London, or his settlement in some other office belonging to the province of London. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Note that the Canons Ecclesiastical require banns published before marriage, but Bishops were used to grant licences.* [*Scrap.*]

99. II. *Reasons for granting marriage licences: especially that it will enable parents or guardians to enter caveats against marriages without their consent.* [1 *page.*]

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100. Form of a commission suggested by the Treasury Commissioners, for appointing judges for the probate of wills for the South division of England, with full powers to determine matters relating to wills, administrations, inventories, legacies, &c., but allowing, as has been used heretofore, appeals to the Court of Chancery; with writ of assistance to all civil officers. [1⅓ *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

100. I. *Instructions to the said judges,—*

1. *To meet in London or Westminster, and appoint an office for business and the keeping of their records.*

2. *To take an oath before the Commissioners of the Great Seal to proceed uprightly in the premises.*

3. *Each of them to administer oaths in uncontested cases, to avoid delay.*

4. *To have a new seal made, and instead of the legend "Sigillum Curiæ prerogativæ," to put "Seal of the Court of Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within the South division," to be kept in custody of one of the judges, only used in his presence, and a book of entries thereof to be kept.*

5. *The judges to have the same power of coercion as used in the Admiralty Court.*

6. *A registrar and actuary to be kept, and to have custody of all books and papers.*

7. *The registrar to keep the office in order, appointing clerks and examiners, who shall take oaths for their good demeanour, and the court to punish any evil practices therein, and make rules for reformation.*

8. *The judges to appoint public notaries in the several counties, who shall be sworn to faithful discharge of duty.*

9. *A receiver to be appointed and sworn in, to collect the profits and report non-payments, whereupon the judges have power to proceed against the parties.*

10. *The receiver to pay in his moneys monthly, fees, salaries, and charges being deducted, according to a Council order of* 11 *May* 1654.

11. *The profits of the seal, and all other fees and profits, to be entered in the entry book.*

12. *No moneys to be paid for salaries or incident charges except on warrants, which are to be duly entered, and monthly accounts of receipts to be sent in to the Treasury Commissioners.*

13. *The receiver to pay the judges ——— yearly salary, to be paid quarterly.*

14. *All civil officers and ministers of justice to assist the said court, as they will answer the contrary at their perils.* [2⅔ *sheets.*]

100. II. *Table of fees to be taken in the Court for Probate of Wills; by the Commonwealth, from* 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. to* 2*d.; by the registrar and actuary, from* 5*s. to* 2*d.; by the clerk, the same; by the receiver and sealer, from* 1*s. to* 2*d.; by the messenger,* 2*d.* [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 2. Reference thereon in Council to Montague, Sydenham, Desborow, Lambert, and Jones, to report; also references to them of reports of the Treasury Commissioners on the business of the Forests, the augmentations of Ministers, and the Committee for discoveries at Worcester house. [*I.* 76, *p.* 364.]

Nov. 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. On a certificate from Dr. Bates that Lady Nieuport is dangerously sick of a fever, the question whether Lord Nieuport, now prisoner in the Tower, may have liberty to be at Brook House for a week, under a guard, on his parole to do nothing against the State, passed in the affirmative, and the Lieutenant of the Tower to take order accordingly.

3. Order on report from the Committee on Lovell Scott's petition—shewing that on letters of credit sent to the Isle of Wight in 1644, for repayment in London of moneys spent on victualling Lyme, co. Dorset, then besieged by Prince Maurice, the petitioner disbursed 500*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*, which Parliament ordered July 24, 1648, to be paid from the receipt of the grand Excise, but it was not paid; that by order of Parliament, June 25, 1649, he was allowed to come in as a purchaser of dean and chapter lands for the said money, upon doubling; but having paid 40*l.* a year interest on the said 500*l.* (part of his lands being engaged for the same) for 11½ years, which, with the principal, comes to 960*l.*, and being unable to advance money to double on dean and chapter lands, he received no satisfaction—that on Scott's buying from the yet remaining dean and chapter lands so much as, at the prescribed rate, shall amount to 960*l.*, the treasurers of that receipt pay that sum to the Exchequer Treasurers, who are to give it to the petitioner, in lieu of all demands. Approved 9 Nov.

4. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the accounts of Chas. Walley [*see* 26 *Oct.* 1655]—that besides his receipts for compositions, sequestrations, and assessments in several counties, transmitted in specie into Ireland, at request of the Treasurers-at-war, there is charged on him, from 17 April 1649 to 31 July 1654, 47,755*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, and his discharges are 48,723*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, so that 967*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* are due to him; that for 2,310*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* he had no vouchers, but certified payments on oath, of the truth of which they are satisfied; but that 810*l.*, part of the balance, is for store room, riding charges, &c., for himself and servants, at 150*l.* a year, which should be charged on the late Treasurers-of-war out of the assessments—that the accounts be allowed, and the balance paid by the said Treasurers, on warrants from the Army Committee. Approved 7 Nov.

5. A letter of Oct. 4, 1655, from Lord Broghill, President of the Scotch Council, referred to Lambert and the Scotch Committee.

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6. A letter from Lord Broghill, of Oct. 25, 1655, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider of a fit guard of ships for the coast of Scotland, and to report.

8. A letter of Oct. 4, 1655, from Gen. Monk, referred to Lambert and the Scotch Committee.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to take speedy order that 7,000*l.*, part of the fines on divers inhabitants of Jersey, be paid to the Exchequer by Col. Gibbon, and thence paid to the Navy Treasurer.

10. Mr. Snow, of Exeter, added to the Trade Committee, his name to be inserted in the original order.

12. Order on a report on the petition of the reduced officers and soldiers of the Isle of Man [*see* 21 *Sept.* 1655]—that one month's pay should be given them, and paid to Lieut.-Col. Biscoe on account,—for an order to the Army Committee accordingly, the same being for the time after the commencement of the last establishment, and Biscoe to give an account to Council of his payments to the persons concerned. [*I.* 76, *p.* 353.] *Annexing,*

101. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Whalley and Goffe,* 9 *Oct.* 1655, *with the order of reference prefixed.* [1 *page.*]

101. II. *Certificate by John Lawrence, deputy muster-master to Dr. Stanes, to the facts of the petition, and to the payment of the men up to* 23 *July only, whereas the order for reducement did not come to the governor of the Island till* 17 *Aug., and most of them landed in Cheshire on* 28 *Aug. Also that Lieut. Geo. Smith was authorised by the reduced officers and soldiers to receive their money for them.* 8 *Oct.* 1655.

14. Lambert, Sydenham, Montague, Fiennes, Pickering, and Strickland, appointed a Committee to attend his Highness on the business communicated by him to Council, upon the audience of the Swedish Ambassador, and to prepare something to be further considered.

15. The Treasury Commissioners to see that 12,000*l.* be paid next week to the Navy Treasurer, and thereupon the restraint of 5 Oct. about issuing moneys to be taken off.

16. On report of the Treasury Commissioners that the Recorder of London cannot, as ordered, recover the 2,100*l.* in arrear to the State from the Spanish lieger, for rent of his house near Bishopsgate, because he has gone, and no goods are left in the house, order that the Customs' officers stay the said goods at Dover, or elsewhere on land or sea, till the debt is paid.

19. **102.** On information by Thurloe that quantities of tools and provisions were ordered for the colony and forces in Jamaica, and provided, on credit of Martin Noel, by a Committee in London, on order from his Highness and Council, the said Committee are to send an account of the proportions and prices to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to certify what is to be paid, and to whom, that warrants may be issued accordingly.

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20. **103, 104.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give order for shipping the materials and provisions for Jamaica.

21. An order of 3 Oct. last to the Army Committee, to pay 10*l.* to Thos. Fothergill, surgeon to his Highness's regiment, for medicines for the forces in Scotland, vacated, and a warrant advised for his payment from Army contingencies.

22. Gen. Venables' resignation of his several commands in Ireland read. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 361–6.]

Nov. 2. Council to the persons named as members of the Trade Committee. His Highness, considering the importance of the good regulation of trade, has appointed a number of persons whose ability and experience qualify them to be serviceable therein, empowering them to consider how trade and navigation may be improved. You are named as one of this Trade Committee, and desired to attend its first meeting, Nov. 27, 1655, in the Painted Chamber at Westminster. [*I.* 76, *p.* 363.]

Nov. 5. Chatham. **105.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Indian has all on board, and may sail for the Indies to-morrow. Particulars of ships. I send account of the remains of stores in Gen. Penn's fleet, and of beer in the George and Unicorn. Last Friday, going down the river, I spied some gentlemen on board the Naseby, and found them to be the eldest son of Lord Nieuport, the Ambassador of Holland, with other gentlemen, and a servant who has more than ordinary skill in taking landscapes and painting ships. He had drawn Upnor Castle and some part of the Naseby, and they were recommended by Col. Crompton, Governor of Gravesend, for a sight of the rest of the navy. I used them civilly, but begged they would not take it ill if I demanded their drafts, which I have sent up sealed, believing such attempts are not allowed without the consent of the Lord Admiral or Admiralty. They had a desire to take the river at the situation of the new dock, pretending it was their master's desire, but I could not suffer it without order; I told them I doubted not you would gratify the Ambassador's desire, as far as conduced to the safety of the nation. Jas. Pollard, steward of the Triumph, has been very diligent in his employment. [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 6. **106.** Petition of Archibald, Marquis of Argyle, to the Protector. I have come, as in duty bound, to kiss your hands, expecting no change in particular cases in the laws and constitutions of those nations, as practised many years past; but last Thursday I was arrested at the suit of Eliz. Maxwell, widow of the late Earl of Dirleton, because in 1644 and 1645, I, with many more, became bound to her husband for meal for the armies then on foot for the good cause. Lord Dirleton accepted for this debt a receipt on the Parliament of England, and it was only by negligence that the bond rested in his hands. Being a Scotch bond, amongst Scots, and now in process before the Judges there, it is hard that a Scot

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should have to answer here; for the Scotch, though never so unjustly arrested, would often find it impossible to get bail here. I beg that I may be redressed in this particular, and that all suits of Scots against me may be referred to the Judges in Scotland.

With note of the Lord Chief Justice's opinion that it would be best for Lady Dirleton to withdraw the case, and leave it to the law of Scotland. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 6. Reference thereon in Council to the Lord President and Mr. Strickland, to understand the state of the case from the Earl of Argyle, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 366.]

Nov. 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Rich. Onslow added as a Commissioner in the orders and instructions for Surrey.

2. Mr. Scobell to sign copies of the order for securing the peace, with the instructions with blanks, and to send them to the Major-Generals for the several counties.

3. Montague, Jones, Sydenham, and Mulgrave, to be a Committee to consider how to find out the estates of the late King's party in the several counties.

4. Montague, Jones, Sydenham, Desborow, and Lambert, to be a Committee to consider who are fit to call to account those who have received public moneys, and what instructions they should have.

5. A letter be prepared and presented to-morrow to the Lord Mayor of London for Protestant strangers, and the like for Westminster.

6. Mulgrave, Strickland, Desborow, Rous, Skippon, Sydenham, Lisle, and Montague, to bring in a declaration for the assessment for the next 6 months, with the same sum as before, and to consider the names to be added.

7. Sydenham presents a declaration of the Establishment, with alterations which Scobell is to examine, and compare with the former Establishment.

9. The fine imposed on Lord Hartfell by the Act of Pardon for Scotland to be wholly remitted. [*I.* 76, *p.* 366.]

Nov. 6. **107.** Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. The client's greasy purse is yet *in nubibus* with me. I have not conversed with one good angel this term. Good Michael's angel doctrine is not canonical with my student's gown. I will tell you without fee, as you sue *in formâ pauperis*, that your words against Littleton (that worthy sage of the law) are actionable; therefore expect such an arrest as the proudest fellow in Queen's shall not bail you. You have to wrestle with a shrewd antagonist, who has the law in his own hands. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 7. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order, on examination of Col. Wm. Langham and others, by the Committee appointed yesterday on a matter then in debate, that Col. Edm. Harvey be committed to custody in the Tower, and there kept close prisoner till further order.

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2. The cause of his commitment to be assigned to be that, as one of the Customs' Commissioners, he has, contrary to his trust, defrauded the State of a considerable sum, and devoted it to his own use.

3. The petitions from co. Leicester concerning enclosures to be considered to-morrow.

4. Desborow, Lambert, Jones, Strickland, Mulgrave, Skippon, and Lisle, to be a Committee to consider of the powers to be granted to the Admiralty Commissioners, and to report.

5. Edw. Hopkins to be an Admiralty Commissioner. Approved 7 Nov.

8. The Committee on the business of the Protestants in Piedmont to meet this afternoon, and report. Skippon added to the Committee.

9. Order, on report from the Admiralty Judges, on the petition of Capt. John Cramp and the owners of the Consort [*see* 27 *Feb.* 1655],—that the ship, worth 8,000*l.*, was seized by the Spanish Armada going for Carthagena, the company imprisoned, the ship and goods condemned, copies of the proceedings denied to the parties interested, and mutual protests made by the English Consul there, and the officers of the Court;—that letters of reprisal be granted to Cramp, Sadler, and the other owners, against the King of Spain's subjects, for recovery and damages, on the usual security. *Annexing,*

108. I. *Report by Drs. Jo. Godolphin, C. G. Cock, and Wm. Clerk, that the ship was seized, and the company imprisoned and threatened with death unless they confessed both ship and goods to be French, which they did, when it was condemned. They would not appeal at Madrid, but in England, and as the claimer did not duly enter his appeal, there is now no remedy but by a letter to the King of Spain, which if not duly answered, the petitioners should be relieved by letters of reprisal or otherwise. Doctors' Commons,* 16 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

10. Order, on petition of John Tompson, late Commander of the small Malaga Merchant, which, laden with salt, &c., to the value of 1,500*l.*, was in her way to New England taken by the Spaniards, whereupon letters of reprisal are prayed against Spain;—that the petitioner be left to make his proof in the Admiralty Court, the Judges of which are to report their opinion.

12. Approval by the Protector of an order of 2 Nov. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 367–9.]

Nov. 7. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Mayor of London. The Protestant strangers inhabiting in and near London, have addressed his Highness and Council, representing the danger from the rigour of the law in which they stand, by exercising their callings, being aliens. For many years it has been the honour of England to shelter those of the reformed religion who, for their conscience sake, have

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fled their own land, and here found a place of refuge; and as much tenderness has been shown them, as appears by the reference of Parliament, Sept. 1653, to the Council of State, and the letter from the Council of State to the then Lord Mayor, for stay of proceedings against them; and also as the Reformed churches, some of which have lately been treated so cruelly abroad, would resent any severity from us, we recommend the matter to your care, that the Protestant strangers may have liberty to exercise their trades without punishment at law, or they would be exposed to beggary. With note of a like letter, *mutatis mutandis,* to the City of Westminster. [*I.* 76, *p.* 367.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill. Your letters of Oct. 4 and 25, 1655, have been read, and put in a way of resolution; the first was referred to a special Committee, and the other to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider and report a fit guard of ships for the coast of Scotland; when they return their opinion, you shall hear further. [*I.* 76, *p.* 363.]

Nov. 8. Commission by the Protector appointing Maj.-Gen. John Lambert, Edw. Montague and Wm. Sydenham, Treasury Commissioners, George Monk, Commander-in-chief in Scotland and General at sea, John Desborow and Rob. Blake, Generals at sea, Phil. Jones, John Clerk, Thos. Kelsey, Edw. Hopkins, and Edw. Salmon, to manage the Admiralty and Navy affairs; it being needful, in these times of imminent danger, to guard the seas, preserve trade from the spoils of pirates and enemies, suppress pirates, and keep up a well-appointed fleet; also to manage the ordnance office and stores. All navy and ordnance officers to obey their orders. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 182–3.]

Nov. 8. Instructions by the Protector, with advice of Council, to the above-named Commissioners.

(1.) To meet and consult on the affairs of the Admiralty and Ordnance Office, and to regulate them so as to further the service and redress abuses, replace corrupt and unjust officers by honest and able men, and take care only to employ such in places of trust.

(2.) To take a perfect survey of all ordnance stores and magazines, of all ships and vessels, with their furniture, of the dock-yards and storehouses, and of the present management of the Navy and Ordnance offices, and report to Council.

(3.) To issue warrants for repairing and keeping in good estate ships and stores, and for the disposal of what is useless, the profit to be paid into the Exchequer for the navy.

(4.) To issue warrants for new building, furnishing, arming, and victualling ships and fleets, by advice and consent of Council; to direct the ships for guard of the seas about England, Scotland, and Ireland, to their stations, and appoint convoys, that trade may be secured, and pirates and enemies suppressed.

(5.) To certify from time to time what sums are required for the navy and stores, that we may give warrants to the Treasury

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Commissioners accordingly, and to take special care that the money issued to the Navy Treasurer be frugally expended; the said treasurer is to observe your orders thereon.

(6.) To appoint clerks and other officers, and allow by warrant salaries and incident charges.

(7.) To use the anchor seal for warrants, commissions, &c.

(8.) To contract for stores and ammunition, and give warrants for payment.

(9.) To execute the orders of Parliament of 22 Dec. 1652, for encouragement of mariners, and to give warrants for payment of prize money, as warrants cannot be had from the Prize Office, all money being now payable into the Exchequer. Also to pay what you judge meet to Rob. Turpin, appointed 16 Dec. 1554 treasurer for the Sick and Wounded.

(10.) To execute the powers given to the late Commissioners 20 Feb. 1653–4 about prizes; 30 Nov. 1654 about encopsing part of the Forest of Dean; and 2 Jan. 1654–5 about the Ordnance Office.

(11.) To perform all such further instructions as shall be given by us.

(12.) To order the felling of timber for the navy in the New Forest or Forest of Dean, and to dispose of the timber reserved for the navy on disposal of the late King's lands; or if it is unfit by distance or otherwise for the navy, to sell or convey it, paying the money into the Exchequer. Also to carry on the iron works for casting round shot and ordnance in the Forest of Dean.

(13.) To issue warrants to the Prize Goods' Commissioners to deliver to the Navy Commissioners ships, ammunition, or other provisions fit for the navy.

(14.) To preserve the stores from fraud, waste, spoil, or embezzlement, and therefore to search vessels, ships, or cellars for stores belonging to the State, to summon offenders, and require due satisfaction.

(15.) When needful, to call a council of war, consisting of yourselves, the Navy Commissioners, and such officers and captains of the fleet as you think fit, 7 of whom, or 13 in case of life and death, are to be a Court, to try offenders against the Laws of War and Ordinances of the Sea, administer oaths to discover the truth, give judgment, and cause execution to be done, according to the said Laws and Ordinances.

(16.) To administer oaths on navy affairs, and summon persons, and send for writings, papers, or witnesses.

(17.) To have the same powers to commit those who have abused their trust to steal, embezzle, buy, or receive the State's stores, as any High Admiral of England has had. [*I.* 76, *A*, *pp.* 183–7.]

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Nov. 8. The form of a commission and instructions to the Admiralty Commissioners, presented by the Committee to whom it was yesterday referred, read, altered, agreed, and to be offered to his Highness. Approved 9 Nov. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 369, 373.]

Nov. 8. **110.** Petition of Geo. Cony, merchant, to the Protector. My sole trade being in the dominions of the King of Spain, I am in great hazard by this sudden and unexpected difference with that nation. I, with some others, have procured part of my estate from Malaga to be shipped in a Dutch vessel, there being no other way to preserve or transport our estates, and we expect her in the Downs every hour.

As the late Act of Navigation prohibits such goods coming in strangers' vessels, we cannot bring our goods safely into the Port of London without your leave; but you lately promised me your favour on any reasonable request, therefore I beg speedy leave to bring in the ship and goods. [1 *page.*]. *Annexing,*

110. I. *Parliament Order for liberty to the Hamburg ships brought in and discharged by the Admiralty Court, to unlade and sell their goods and lading, the past Act notwithstanding,* 27 *Jan.* 1652–3. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 8. **111.** Reference thereon in Council to the same Committee who were to consider the price of Spanish fruits, viz., Desborow, Lambert, Mulgrave, Lisle, and Strickland, to report. [½ *page*; *also I.* 76, *p.* 369.]

Nov. 8. **112.** Petition of the Mayor and aldermen of York to the Protector. Rob. Hungate by his will granted lands, &c., in Sherburn, Leverton, and Brotherton, co. York, worth 203*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, for a school and hospital at Sherburn, and Sir. Wm. Hungate, the executor, conveyed the lands, and erected and replenished the school and hospital. On his death, these trust lands and 600*l.* came to his brother, Sir Philip, who, being a delinquent, the trust lands became forfeit to the State, though still subject to the trust, but Fras. Hungate, his infant grandchild, has the estate which was entailed. By the donor's will, if the heirs to whom the trust estate descended were Papists, the Dean of York was to nominate to the school and hospital; but there being no dean, the Commissioners for Charitable Uses transferred the power to us, and we have taken all pains therein. We beg power to let leases and improve the lands, and to have the inheritance transferred to us by the Trustees for Sale of Delinquents' Lands. With order thereon to Council, to direct an Ordinance for settlement of the lands as requested. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

112. I. *Draft deed as proposed, for the transfer of the said lands to the Mayor and aldermen of York; by Rob. Barwick.* [35 *pages.*]

Nov. 8. Reference thereon by Council to Lambert, Desborow, and Sydenham, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 370.]

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Nov. 8. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lord Nieuport to have leave to stay at Brook house, on the same terms as contained in Council's order of Nov. 2, for 6 days after expiration of the week limited by the former order. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take order accordingly.

2. The petition of the noblemen, gentlemen, heritors, freeholders, &c., of cos. Inverness, Murray, Sutherland, Ross, &c., referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

3, 4. Order—on report from the Committee on the Protestants in Piedmont—that the 7,000*l.* (a part of the money collected here for their relief) already sent to Geneva, be distributed according to the discretion of Mr. Pell and Mr. Moreland, who are hereby authorised to dispose of it, and Mr. Callandrin, in whose hands it remains, is to pay it out to them accordingly.

6. Pickering and Strickland to signify to Alderman Fowke that Council advises his Highness, in case he submits not to reference the whole matter in difference between him and the East India Company, to refer it to the Judges for their advice.

7. **113.** 300*l.* worth of timber assigned out of Somersham Park, for building Clare Hall, Cambridge.

9. A letter to his Highness from Col. Rob. Gibbon, of Nov. 2, with one enclosed, signed by Philip Marett, and dated Jersey, Nov. 1, referred to Wolsley, Sydenham, Montague, Lambert, Pickering, Strickland, Lisle, and Jones, to report.

10. The petition of Col. John Bingham, Governor of Guernsey, about the place of bailiff there, referred to the same Committee, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 369–70.] *Annexing,*

114. I. *Col. John Bingham, Governor of Guernsey, to Lord Lambert. I present you the case enclosed relating to Guernsey and the bailiff, and desire your countenance in bringing back the bailiwick in that island to its old character, and appointing Peter de Beauvoir bailiff; I have sent a petition to his Highness thereon. I know that it would suppress drunkenness and wickedness. Thanks for your delivering my petition about Guernsey to the Council.* 6 *Nov.* 1655, *Lambeth.* [1 *page, damaged.*]

114. II. *Order in Parliament, that the* 12 *jurists of Guernsey exercise in monthly turns the office of bailiff, the present bailiff, Peter de Beauvoir, beginning* 1 *Oct. next. Also that* 5 *of them, Jas. Guille, Mr. Blundell, Thos. Carey, and Mr. Braudhaud, be dispensed with, on account of age and infirmity, and the States of the island elect others in their place.* 29 *Aug.* 1653. [1 *page torn.*]

114. III. *Statement by Col. Bingham, that De Beauvoir has pursued the interests of the Commonwealth zealously during the late troubles, and suffered therefor; and that he is fit, by education and experience, for the office of bailiff.* 26 *Sept.* 1654. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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114. iv. *Objections against the taking the office of bailiff by rotation, as vilifying the office, admitting to it some who have not shown [fidelity] to the Protector; and arguments in favour of De Beauvoir, as having been a prisoner for his fidelity, always opposed to Levellers, and as having [discovered] to Parliament 200l. a year of the late King's [property. Scrap torn.]*

Nov. 9. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise this instruction to be added to those for the Admiralty Commissioners, that they have power equal to that of a High Admiral, to commit any they shall find to have abused their trust, by countenancing or practising embezzlement of State stores.

2. To advise a Commission under the Great Seal, constituting the following persons auditors, and empowering them to call to account all treasurers and receivers of State money since 1642, and to examine and audit accounts, and send for any witnesses, books, or papers, and report, and to proceed further according to instructions from his Highness and Council, viz.:—

Sir Wm. Roberts.	John Stone.
John Upton.	Barth. Beale.
John Clarke.	Peter Brereton.
Wm. Jessop.	Wm. Maddison.

6. Two good rooms on a floor to be forthwith built for the Council's convenience; Jones and Strickland to direct the surveyor.

7. Mr. Maidstone, his Highness's steward, and Mr. Waterhouse, to call before them all claimants to the stables at the Mews, and to clear them, that they may be reserved for his Highness's use.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to enquire what Bibles were sent for the soldiers in the West Indies, on the order of 9 June last for 2,000, and examine the bill, which Martin Noel is to pay and put to account, with the rest of the provisions for Jamaica.

9. Dr. Walker's draft concerning contraband goods to be considered next sitting.

10. Pickering reports the passages between the Committee and Alderman Fowke, on their speaking with him according to yesterday's order.

11. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of John Embree, surveyor, which was read and agreed to,—

That all workmen be discharged from working on the State's account after next Saturday.

That Embree quickly bring in his account for repairs up to that time.

That from next Saturday, the State be no further charged with repairs of Whitehall, Hampton Court, or the Mews.

That a Committee be appointed to consider how the rest of the houses belonging to the State may be kept in repair in the most frugal way.

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That Embree be allowed 300*l.* a year for his salary for the 3 past years, and the like in future; also his fee of 38*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, by patent, as serjeant-plumber, from Dec. 1642, and so in future.

12. Order—on Embree's demand for an allowance for disbursements for repairs in the late King's time, and for his fee and salary, &c., before Nov. 1652,—that 6,000*l.* be allowed him, from the moiety of discoveries to be brought in by him from concealed lands or goods, not remitted by the Act of Pardon; the Treasury Commissioners to receive and prosecute his discoveries, bring in the money, and certify to Council, that warrants may be issued for their paying Embree the moiety.

13. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders, &c., 31 Oct.—8 Nov. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 371–3.]

[Nov. 13.] **115.** Requests to the Protector by Manasseh Ben Israel, on behalf of the Hebrew nation,—

(1.) To take us as citizens under your protection; and for our greater security, to order your chiefs and generals-at-arms to defend us on all occasions.

(2.) To allow us public synagogues in England and other places under your power, and the exercise of our religion.

(3.) To give us a cemetery out of town, for quiet interment of our dead.

(4.) To allow us to trade freely as others in all sorts of merchandize.

(5.) To elect a person of quality to receive our passports, and oblige us to swear fidelity, in order that those who come in may live without prejudice or scandal.

(6.) That we may not trouble the justices of peace with our contests, to license the chief of the synagogue, with 2 almoners, to reconcile differences according to the Mosaic law, with right of appeal to the civil law, first depositing the sum in which the party has been condemned.

(7.) To revoke all laws against the Jewish nation, that we may live in greater security.

These granted, we shall always be well affected, and pray for the success of all your enterprises. [*French*, 2 *pages.*]

[Nov. 13.] **116.** Translation of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 13. **117.** Reference thereon by Council to the President, Lambert, Rous, Lisle, Wolsley, Pickering, and Sydenham, to report. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 374.]

Nov. 13? **118.** Report on a request for admission of Jews into England to traffic, that it is lawful in point of conscience, if certain considerations be provided for,—

(1.) The grounds urged by Manasseh Ben Israel, in his book lately printed in English, we conceive to be sinful in any Christian nation.

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(2.) The danger is great of seducing the people of this nation in matters of religion.

(3.) Their having synagogues and places of worship is evil in itself, and scandalous to Christian churches.

(4.) Their practices about marriage and divorce are unlawful, and will be of ill example.

(5.) They are proved not to make conscience of oaths made or injuries done to Christians.

(6.) The inhabitants of London suggest that it will be very injurious to trade.

We therefore consider,—

i. That they should not be admitted to public judicatories, civil or ecclesiastic, which would grant them terms beyond the condition of strangers.

ii. They should not speak or act to the dishonour of Christ or His religion.

iii. They should not profane the Christian Sabbath.

iv. They should not have Christian servants.

v. They should bear no public office or trust.

vi. They should print nothing in our language opposing Christianity.

vii. They should not discourage any who try to convert them, but there should be a severe penalty on any apostatizing to Judaism. [3 *pages.*]

Nov. 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Thursday next, Nov. 22, to be set apart for seeking God in fasting and humiliation.

2. Pickering to be desired to send to Messrs. Carill, Lockyer, Carter, and Sterry, to assist on that day.

3. Rous, Sydenham, and Wolsley to quickly bring in a declaration for a day of humiliation throughout the whole nation, on Nov. 22.

4. To advise his Highness to send an agent into France.

5. Wolsley, Jones, Pickering, Sydenham, Rous, and Strickland, to consider the proposition made by his Highness this day concerning tithes, and how it may be made practicable, and to report.

6. Reference to Sir Wm. Roberts and the other Commissioners for regulating Excise, with John Upton and Edw. Horsman, of the matter of Customs for which Col. Harvey and Capt. Langham are under restraint, to examine the whole accounts, with an eye to seizures, deposited moneys, short entries of receipts, or moneys lent to private uses, and to send for such persons, books, and papers, as they see cause, and propose what they think necessary to accomplish the service, and to report. [*See* 28 *Nov.* 1655.]

7. Desborow, Sydenham, Montague, Jones, and Wolsley, to speak with some of the Customs' and Excise Commissioners about the matters in the foregoing order, and what instructions will be further necessary, and to report.

8. Sydenham, Montague, Desborow, and Lambert to speak this afternoon with the Lord Chief Baron and the counsel learned

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concerning how to proceed against Col. Harvey's estate, and to report; also to consult them as to what should be done with the estates of those engaged in the late insurrection.

9. Order—on reading the draft of an order taking notice of Capt. John Cressett's proposals for discovering several frauds in purchase of the late King, Queen, and Princes' lands, fee farm rents, &c., and of an allowance of $\frac{1}{5}$ to the discoverer,—that a commission under the Great Seal be directed to Thos. Manby, Peter Brereton, Mr. Sydenham, Wm. Bridges, and Mark Cox, authorising them to examine the said discoveries; the Treasury Commissioners, Jones and Wolsley, to consider fit instructions to give them in that service, and to report. Mr. Secretary to bring in the draft of a commission.

11. Order—on Strickland's report that he and the Lord President have spoken with the Marquis of Argyle, and learn that he is under arrest for some money referring to a public debt in Scotland, on occasion of the Scots' first coming to England,—that Strickland, Wolsley, and Jones, send for the parties who arrested him, and for their solicitor, learn the true state of the case, and report.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Admiralty Judges. A matter long depended before the late Council of State, on petition of Huett Leat, merchant, about the ship Vinegar, which, being laden in London with goods belonging to his father, Nich. Leat, value 24,000*l.*, was seized at Milo, in the Archipelago, on her voyage to Zante, by 4 vessels of the King of Spain, and not restored, notwithstanding several sentences in courts of justice in Spain. You are therefore to issue letters of reprisal to the petitioner, on security in such sums as you think fit, for performance of conditions. [*I.* 112, *p.* 247.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Like order for letters of reprisal to the sons and executors of the late Sir Peter Richaut, for 20,987*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, lent by him 12 April 1652, to the late Spanish Ambassador in England, besides interest, and for a ship of fish taken from him and sold by the said King's order at Carthagena. [*I.* 112, *p.* 249.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Like order for letters of reprisal to Capt. John Cramp, Jas. Sadler, and other owners of the Consent of London, value 2,200*l.*, her lading value 8,000*l.*, and the estimated profit of her voyage 5,000*l.*; but in 1642, when near Alicant, she was seized by the Spanish armada going for Carthagena, her company severely imprisoned, and the ship and goods condemned at Alicant, in spite of the protests of the English consul there. [*I.* 112, *p.* 250.]

Nov. 13. Dover. **119.** Thos. White to the Navy Commissioners. I have been diligent and careful in repairing vessels and supplying stores. You passed my accounts 24 June, and signed an order for my payment, but the treasurer had received order to pay no money till Gen. Blake's fleet was paid. On this I went to Dover, and waited 6 weeks, came up when Blake's fleet arrived at Portsmouth, and applied again, but could get no money, for the same reason. Since then I have an account of 253*l.*, and beg payment, as I am in debt here. I should have brought the account, but my duty here requires personal attendance. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

119. I. ——— *to Abr. Stock, merchant of Dover. A frigate of this town coming from Malaga, laden with fruit and wine, stopped at Cadiz* $\frac{17}{27}$ *Oct., but was forced to depart, as that day the Spanish armada, under Don Pablos de Contrera, arrived at Cadiz; and* 3 *days before also, two galleons from the Havannah, which carry quicksilver to the Indies, very richly laden with West Indian goods, plate,* 900,000 *pieces of* 8 *for the King, and one million for particular men. The English pursued the silver fleet on their leaving Havannah for Spain, but they fled to Vera Cruz, by which means the Spaniard finds himself in a great labyrinth, and the Indian trade much interrupted. St. Malo,* $\frac{3}{13}$ *Nov.* 1655. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 14. **120.** Establishment in detail concluded upon by the Protector and Council, for the forces in field and garrison in England and Scotland, from 15 Oct. 1655.

Summary of monthly charge,—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
General officers for England and Scotland -	856	4	4
7 regiments of horse for England - -	9,372	1	4
7 „ „ Scotland - -	10,634	12	8
6 „ foot for England - -	6,939	16	0
12 „ „ Scotland - -	13,946	16	0
The life guard for England - - -	567	14	0
4 companies of dragoons for Scotland -	830	4	0
[Artillery] trains for England and Scotland -	374	7	8
Garrisons in England (2 companies in the Isle of Man, 1 at Dover, and 1 at Shrewsbury excepted) - - -	5,619	7	4
Garrisons in Scotland - - - -	305	8	8
Contingencies for Scotland - - -	1,800	0	0
	51,246	12	0

[*Book of* 21 *written and* 11 *blank pages; also I.* 76*A, pp.* 196–220.]

Nov. 14. Note that it was read in Council, and the variations from that of 23 July found to be on orders of the Protector and Council. Approved and passed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 376.]

[Nov. 14.] **121.** Note of the said variations, the additions amounting to 992*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* monthly, the reductions to 1,247*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, the saving being 248*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* monthly. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 14. **122.** Petition of the Customs' Commissioners to the Protector. Col. Edm. Harvey, late a Commissioner, being under your displeasure in the Tower, and Capt. Hen. Langham, late cashier-general, under restraint, we are in great extremity in stating our accounts, which look backwards, unless we may have free recourse to Harvey, and

Langham may come to us with his keeper, when required, that our accounts may be rightly stated. We think the smallness of the salary, 100*l.* a year only, has been a great temptation to the late cashier, and beg its increase. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 14. Reference thereon in Council to the Committee to whom Col. Harvey's business is referred, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 377.]

[Nov. 14.] **123.** Petition of the justices of peace, grand jurors, and other gentlemen and freeholders of the County Palatine of Lancaster, assembled at Lancaster assizes and sessions, and of the mayor and officers of the borough towns, for the inhabitants, to the Protector. We beg restoration and continuance of the privileges of a County Palatine, as still enjoyed by the County Palatine of Chester, and to have our courts of law and equity, and have all causes pleaded therein, and not in the Duchy Court or elsewhere. The county was made palatine by Edward III., confirmed by Henry IV., and by several Acts of Parliament since. Signed by 30 justices of peace; 34 on the first grand inquest at Lancaster assizes; 25 attorneys; 15 of the grand jury for the sessions for Amounderness and Blackborne hundreds at Preston; 17 grand jury for Derby and Leyland hundreds at Wigan sessions; 15 grand jury for Salford hundred at Manchester; Rich. Sumpner, mayor, and 14 aldermen, &c., of Preston; Rob. Correll, mayor, Wm. Walsall, recorder, and 17 aldermen, &c., of Liverpool; Jas. Scott, mayor, Rob. Maudesley, recorder, and 10 aldermen, &c., of Wigan; and 379 gentlemen freeholders. [1 *double parchment sheet.*]

[Nov. 14.] **124–126.** Petition of divers inhabitants and freeholders of the County Palatine of Lancaster to the Protector. The discontinuance for 2 years of the jurisdiction of the County Palatine, and of the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster at Westminster has caused us great prejudice, we having many suits unfinished, and others that can only be begun in the County Chancery Court, though we wish the County Palatine to be preserved. Yet as it only extends to parties and witnesses in the county, we also wish for the Duchy Court, that a more remote application may free us from the oppression of neighbours of potency and interest; also the two are united by having the same Chancellor, and by the county records being kept in the Duchy Chamber.

The late Parliament only continued the jurisdiction of both to 10 Oct. 1653, but they must have intended to renew their order, or there would be a failure of justice in causes depending. Many of us are or may be purchasers of lands and revenues of the late King, which we shall lose as to the Duchy tenures, if the jurisdiction of the Court is taken away. We beg a reinvestment of both Courts, with all their former rights and privileges. [3 *copies, with* 19 *sheets of signatures.*]

Nov. 14. Reference in Council of both the above petitions to Lambert, Mulgrave, Jones, and Wolsley, who are to speak with the Lord Chief Baron, Serjeant Parker, and the counsel learned, state the case, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 377.]

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1655. Nov. 14. **127.** Petition of William, Earl of Lothian, to the Protector. I have been in the service, civil and military, in England and Scotland, from 1637 to 1650, and am thus involved in many public debts, and have spent much of my own estate and got no relief. In 1647 the Parliament of Scotland appointed me 1,500*l.* out of the second 20,000*l.* due to the Scots' army, and in 1648 made me Secretary of Estate, with the benefit of the Signet; but this latter was taken from me in 1652, and the 1,500*l.* is not paid.

I suffered much from imprisonment, quarterings, and plunderings in 1648, for opposing the engagement against England, and by wasting of my lands in 1650 and 1651. I beg payment from the Exchequer of the 1,500*l.*, which was settled on Goldsmiths' Hall, restoration to the Signet, and a proportion of the arrears due thereon. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 14. **128.** Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [½ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 377.]

Nov. 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lambert, Fiennes, and Strickland, to be a Committee on the business communicated by his Highness to Council, Nov. 2, on his audience with the Swedish Ambassador; to meet daily until they have prepared something to offer to Council.

2. The quorum of the Committee on the business of Col. Harvey and Capt. Langham, about the account of the customs, to be 3.

3, 4. Lisle, Wolsley, and Pickering to meet this afternoon with the Lord President, to consider the names of persons to speak with the Committee of Council to whom the proposals of Manasseh Ben Israel, on behalf of the Jewish nation, are referred.

5. **129.** Order that the 2,276*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* to be paid to the owners of the Peregrine, lost in the service [*see* 29 *May* 1655], be paid from the Navy Treasury, and the Navy Commissioners are to give orders accordingly.

6, 7. Order on a report from the Treasury Commissioners on the order of 6 Sept.,—about paying out of ⅔ of the Excise in Scotland the arrears and incident charges of the forces there, to 23 July last;—that as 96,576*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* is by the said order charged on the Excise in Scotland for the said purpose, the Council in Scotland have full power to order payment thereof to the Treasurers-at-war, to be paid on warrants of the Army Committee for this purpose, and also for arrears and charges since 23 July.

8. A warrant to be issued to the Lord-Deputy of Ireland to send a deputation to Col. Bridges, to act for him as Major-General in cos. Herts, Oxon, and Bucks, to which he is apppointed, as also to cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridge, and Isle of Ely.

9. Order—on report from the Scotch Committee on Gen. Monk's letters of Oct. 4 and 14, 1655;—that what money was paid to the forces in Scotland, disbanded upon the Army Establishment beginning

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July 23 last, be allowed, though it extend to Aug. 20 last, according to the rates of the former Establishment. Nevertheless, concerning reduction of pay on forces now continued, the Establishment is to begin from July 23, being the same time that the English Establishment began. Also that 1,000*l.* a month (part of the 1,136*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* arising from the disbanding ordered last October) be allowed as an addition to carry on fortifications and other contingencies in Scotland. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers accordingly, and the 1,000*l.* a month to be added to the Scotch Establishment.

17. The petition to the Protector of James, Earl of Calendar, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

20. Mr. Lockyer's business, moved to-day by Col. Jones, to be considered to-morrow.

21. The petition of divers well-affected inhabitants of the Borough of Leicester read, and with 3 others concerning enclosures in co. Leicester annexed, referred to Lisle, Pickering, Strickland, and Wolsley, to speak with the parties that attend the business, and report what they think should be further done.

22. The petition of the burgesses, &c., of Chipping Wycomb, co. Bucks,—complaining that they are excluded from, and unfit persons admitted into the corporation by the present mayor, justices, and most of the common council,—referred to Col. Tobias Bridges, to enquire into the matter, speak to the persons concerned, examine witnesses, and certify. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 374–8.]

[Nov. 15.] **130.** Statement that the Earl of Calendar, when young, willing to improve himself, travelled beyond sea, and spent most of his days in the wars of Germany and the Low Countries, where he gained eminent preferment, and a competent livelihood; but from affection to his native country, when he heard of actings in it for religion and liberty, he laid aside his material interests, and served as Lieut.-General in the Scottish armies in England in 1640 and 1641, and gained the approbation of the Parliament of Scotland, but so displeased the late King that by his means the Earl's regiment in Holland was taken from him.

In 1642 he declined an invitation from the late King to an eminent charge in his army, but engaged in assisting his suffering brethren in England; he was again Lieut.-General of the Scottish armies in England till their return in 1647, and was useful at the reducing of Newcastle, &c.

His only failure was, that in 1648, by command of the Estates of Parliament in Scotland he accepted their service, for which he suffered 3 years' banishment, his estate was ruined, and his house at Calendar made a garrison.

Since then he has been quiet, not opposing the English army in 1650 or 1651, nor corresponding with those in arms in the late

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risings in Scotland. He was committed to Edinburgh Castle, not for refusing to give bond to keep the peace, but for refusing to give both bond and parole, which he thought dishonourable. The rumour that he was not employed in the late army in Scotland because of jealousies between him and Lieut.-Gen. David Leslie is untrue; he wished to remain in quiet.

It is offered whether his many good services should not overweigh that one failing, as none others have been fined, forfeited, or imprisoned solely for accession to the engagement of 1648.

None are forfeited but prisoners of war on this last invasion, which he never was, and thus his case is unparallelled, for,—

1. Some who were in the engagement of 1648, and in actions since, have liberty to go beyond seas.
2. Those who are prisoners and forfeited have a weekly allowance, and he has had nothing for 2 years, his estate being seized in 1654.
3. Most of those forfeited have had their estates farmed to their wives or friends, which is denied him.
4. He who had the like charge at Worcester that the Earl had in 1648 was fined but not forfeited.
5. Divers who were fined have got themselves discharged.
6. He suffers exceedingly, because by his forfeiture he cannot stand in any court of justice.

If he had gone to the hills and joined with those in arms, his condition had been better, for they have all got discharge of fine and forfeiture, and enjoy their estates.

He begs a hearing if anything more is charged against him. Also that his evidences, writings, and moveables may be restored, his debts being great, and no interest paid for 3 years; that his stewards may pay him the 2 years' rent of his estate, and legal proceedings against him be discharged. Also that having been forced to a 7 months' attendance, he may have license to remain till 5 Dec. next. [1¼ *pages.*]

[Nov. 15.] **131.** Abstract of the latter part of the above, adding, that he is bound, by Gen. Monk's pass, to return prisoner to Leith within 6 months after last May, unless his Highness enlarge his pass, or free him of his bond; also that he was acquitted as to the interception of a letter written by a servant of his. [¾ *page.*]

[Nov. 15.] **132.** Information concerning the Earl of Calendar. To the same effect as the preceding papers. The information given to Col. Lilburne of his being concerned in the late risings is false, and he desires the strictest examination thereon, or of any alleged orders or letters intercepted, said to be written by him.

He hears that his leaving Holland in 1640 has been misconstrued, but he came in sincerity to serve his country. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 15. Reference of the said papers by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 379.]

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1. **133.** The Lord President reports from the Committee of Council the names of persons to meet with the Committee to which the proposals of Manasseh Ben Israel for the Jews are referred, viz.:—

Dr. Goodwin.
,, Owen.
,, Wilkinson.
Mr. Strickland.
,, Newcomen.
,, Faircloth.
,, Bridge.
,, Benn.
,, Kiffin.

Dr. Tuckney.
,, Cudworth.
,, Whitchcoate
Mr. Nye.
,, Carill.
,, Carter.
,, Manton.
,, Rowe.
,, Cradock.
,, Dan. Dyke.

Lord Chief Justice Glynn.
,, ,, ,, St. John.
,, ,, Baron.
,, Mayor of London.
Sir Chris. Pack.
Sheriff Thompson.
Alderman Riccards.
,, Ed. Cressett.
Mr. Jessy.

2. The above-named approved, and to meet on Wednesday week, and letters to be written to them, in form subjoined, summoning their attendance.

3. Two letters from Lord Broghill to his Highness of 8 Nov., by him delivered to Council, read, and referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

4. Order that Mr. Kinnersley consider the proposal in Lord Broghill's letter of 6 Nov., to use the hangings that were at Dunottar Castle for the Council in Scotland, and certify. *Annexing,*

134. I. *Certificate by Clem. Kinnersley thereon. In May* 1654, *the wardrobe goods from Dunottar Castle were delivered to me, but there were only* 12 *pieces of ordinary hangings, and no feather beds.*

When I attended the late King to his coronation in Scotland in 1633, *there were in the keeping of Sir John Achmoutie, keeper of the wardrobe in Scotland,* 200 *feather beds, with bed clothes, &c., and as many hangings as furnished Holyrood House, Edinburgh Castle, Linlithgow, Dumfermline, Stirling, and St. Johnston's, which, at* 60 *per house, a small proportion, makes* 400 *pieces.*

I asked for a letter to Gen. Monk to assist my agent to find out these concealed goods (for Cornet Geo. Butler, sent down in 1654, *could hear nothing of them), and but for me, nothing more would have been heard of them. I think you should send for a true particular of what there is, and in whose custody, and the real value, and then consider what should remain there, and what be returned for his Highness's service. If the public ministers in Scotland are allowed furnishing for their houses, will not those in Ireland expect the same?* 20 *Nov.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

5. The army establishment passed yesterday to begin from last Oct. 15, inclusive.

6, 7. The petitions of Rob. Kemp, of Clenston, co. Hereford, and of John Jones concerning Dr. Wm. Lewis' estate, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

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8. The several petitions of John Lloyd, John Roberts, Griffith Jones, Jeffrey Parry, and Rich. Ap Robert Ap Evan, for himself, Ed. Davis, and others, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. Order—on report from the Trustees for forfeited Estates in Scotland, showing what James, Lord Cowper, has offered them concerning his fine of 3,000*l.*—that as it has been reduced to 750*l.*, which sum, with other fines, is already disposed of, no further abatement can be made, and the same is to be signified to him.

13. The Committee of Council on the business of the Prize Office to send for Mr. Birch and Mr. Carleton, 2 of the Prize Officers, examine them concerning the deposited moneys there, and report.

14. **135.** The power of Rich. Hutchinson as Navy Treasurer expiring 31 Dec. next, the Admiralty Commissioners are to treat with him about the proportion of his salary for next year, and report what should be allowed him.

15. Order—on report from the Committee on the Marquis of Argyle's petition, showing that the debt for which he was arrested arises from provisions taken up on the public account, and that Mr. Maxwell, the original creditor, has security for the debt assigned him by Parliament—that the former Committee speak with Lord Chief Justice Glynn on this day's debate, and report. Lambert added to the Committee.

16. Order—on a report from the Committee on the petition of the wives and daughters of the officers and soldiers in Jamaica—that Fras. Hodges, treasurer for that service, give them a month's pay, and tell them to expect no more till they are on shipboard to go to Jamaica, when those who embark shall receive another month's pay for their encouragement, and to advise a warrant for payment of the sum required to Hodges.

17. Order—on a paper from Lord Nieuport—that the Customs' and Excise Commissioners allow his agent to take up 8 hogsheads of French wine and a hogshead of vinegar sent from Zealand in a man-of-war, Capt. John Bankert, master; also 2 ames with Rhenish wine sent from Holland under Capt. Vyghall, marked N.P., custom free.

18. The Council of State having voted Nich. Lockyer 200*l.* in lands for his services, which he was to have from dean and chapter lands, 2,100*l.* was paid him from Council's contingencies that he might purchase the same, on which he contracted for Hambleton and Blackwell manors, co. Worcester, for 2,414*l.* 1*s.* 8½*d.*, paid the money and had them conveyed, but it appears on survey that there were mistakes in the value, and that the lands are charged with payments to charitable uses, whereby he cannot have the benefit of his purchase, though he has expended several sums thereon:—Order that he shall receive 2,500*l.* out of any discoveries that he make to the Committee for Discoveries, and shall then reconvey the said lands to the Commonwealth. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 378–381.]

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Nov. 16. Note of reference to the Committee for Petitions, of a petition of Thomas and Val. Willis, for restoration to the place of Clerk of the Crown, granted them by patent. [*I.* 92, *No.* 507.]

Nov. 16. **136.** Petition of Susanna, widow of Dr. John Bastwick, to the Protector. Parliament on 16 Nov. 1654 voted me the 5,000*l.* ordered by the 2 former Parliaments out of the estates of those who had so unjustly proceeded against my husband, but only 4 of the parties were living, and they pleaded that the State had already sold and disposed of their estates, and therefore should pay the money, but Parliament ended before payment. On appealing to you, your Council ordered me 20*s.* a week, and referred me for further relief to Mr. Rous, and Cols. Sydenham, Montague, and Jones, but they say they can think of nothing further for me. I beg help, or I cannot maintain my 2 sons at the University. My husband was an eminent sufferer, and I am "a gentlewoman, and was choicely and tenderly bred." Instead of the 5,000*l.* ordered, I ask 1,000*l.* from the Treasury, beside the 20*s.* a week, or else 5*l.* a week. With special reference 9 Nov. to Council, his Highness intending to consult with them thereon, on notice given him by Mr. Secretary. [1 *sheet. See also* 26 *May* 1655.]

Nov. 16. Order thereon in Council to advise 20*s.* a week additional for her, making 40*s.* with what is already granted. [*I.* 76, *p.* 383.]

Nov. 16. **137.** Petition of Rowland Pithie, master of the Marigold of Newcastle, to the Protector and Council. By virtue of a Council order of 7 Aug. last, to Wm. Johnson, Mayor of Newcastle, and others, I bound myself to bring from thence to the Tower, guns, arms, and ammunition, and Johnson and 2 others contracted with me for 150*l.* freight. Having delivered the goods and been at great charges, I beg payment forthwith. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

137. I. *List signed by Wm. Johnson, Thos. Bonner, Geo. Dawson, and Wm. Taylor, of the guns, &c., to be carried in the Marigold, with receipt thereof by John Falkener, ordnance officer,* 17 *Oct.* 1655. [1¼ *column.*]

137. II. *Contract by the same for their carriage, Newcastle* 8 *Oct.* 1655. 3 *signatures and seals.* [1 *page.*]

137. III. *Charter party indented for their conveyance,* 3 *Sept.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 16. Order in Council for a warrant to pay 150*l.* freight to Pithie out of the Army contingencies, and for the Treasurers-at-war to pay the said sum to Wm. Walker, that he may pay it to Pithie. [*I.* 76, *p.* 383.]

Nov. 16. **138.** Petition of Thos. Rich, and 43 other merchants and well-affected people, to the Protector. We and others, having causes in the Admiralty Court for matters done at sea, or contracts on bills of lading, have been latterly obstructed by motions for prohibition, and actions at common law for the same things, which will obstruct commerce unless remedied, as common law declares such contracts to belong to the Admiralty Court only. Such a case of clashing being debated on 22 Feb. 1632–3, all the then judges of England, and the Attorney-General declared the cases to belong to the Admiralty Court.

As common law cannot relieve us, we beg to be heard by your Highness in Council, in presence of the judges, and the Admiralty Judges, that justice may not be obstructed. With reference thereon to Council for a speedy hearing, 24 Oct. 1655. [1⅛ *sheet.* 44 *signatures.*]

Nov. 16. **139, 140.** Two copies of the above. [1⅛ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

140. I. *Copy of an Order in Council of* 18 *Feb.* 1632–3, *referring similar cases to the Admiralty Court.* [1 *page.*]

140. II. *Particulars of a debate on one of the cases in dispute, viz., that of Thos. Rich v. Phil. Ricott, both merchants of London, about a contested contract beyond sea.* [2¼ *pages.*]

Nov. 16. Reference thereon in Council to Lambert, Montague, Jones, Sydenham, Fiennes, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Rous, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 384.]

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6. Order—on petition of Ant. Deane, against whom several actions of the case on a promise for 1,060*l.* are brought in the Upper Bench, in the names of Nich. and Wm. Strobant, John Pepperman, and Englebert Delnolder, on which judgments are had—that as the plantiffs are inhabitants of Brussels and subjects of the King of Spain, so as the said moneys, by the embargo granted against Spain, belong to the State, the Attorney-General move the Upper Bench for stay of execution of the said judgment, till this business be examined. Approved Nov. 16.

7. The Treasury Commissioners to examine the business concerning the several actions brought at law by the above-mentioned persons against Ant. Deane, and to report.

11. Lambert, Sydenham, Montague, Desborow, Rous, Jones, and Strickland, to consider the business in debate to-day, concerning giving leave to import goods from Spain belonging to English merchants in foreign bottoms, and to report.

12, 13. The petitions of Rich. Pendarvis, merchant and citizen of London, and of Thos. Williams, merchant, referred to the same Committee.

14. The petition of the justices, sheriffs, grand jury, and gentlemen of cos. Durham and Northumberland, and of the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants of the city of Durham, referred to Rous, Lambert, and Montague, to report.

16. To advise payment of 2,000*l.* to Frost for the Council's contingencies, for salaries, &c., to the messengers of Council. [*See warrants for payment.*]

18. The paper this day delivered to Council, called "Proposals humbly conceived for his Highness's service," and another paper annexed, referred to the auditors lately nominated by his Highness and Council, to be made use of as they think fit.

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19. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Geo. Coney, merchant of London, for liberty to import Spanish wine in a Dutch ship—to signify to him that Council thinks not fit to do anything in the matter at present, since the granting thereof would be against the Act of Navigation.

21. The petitions of Sarah Penruddock, 7 years old, and of Arundel, widow of John Penruddock, with that of Rich. Berry, to the Commissioners of Enquiry, concerning the estate of the said John in co. Dorset, and the Commissioners' certificate thereon to the Lord Chief Baron and other barons of the Exchequer, referred to Capts. Burgess, Ludlow, and Dewy, and Edw. Butler, to examine what is said concerning a deed indented of Jan. 4, 1653–4, and the validity thereof, and to report.

22. The Admiralty Judges having forborne—on the late order about proceedings on the claims of Spaniards—to proceed in the case of Thos. Cheston and others, concerning the Ann, seized by the privateer Prosperous, are ordered to proceed in the cause, it being prosecuted at the instance of the Prince of Condé.

23. Order that—whereas the Quartermaster-General of the Army had formerly, beside 10*s.* a day to his assistants in Scotland, 23*s.*, but was reduced to 5*s.* by the late establishment, because he was to command a troop of horse, but none has since become vacant—his former pay of 23*s.* be continued till the said troop or some other employment be settled upon him; the Army Committee to issue their warrants accordingly.

24. Order that—as the younger sons of Sir George Sands, of Kent, murdered the elder son, and he had a good estate in land which descended to the younger son, by whose execution for murder it devolves on the State—the counsel learned, with the Treasury Commissioners, consult about securing it.

25. The Treasury Commissioners to consider what should be allowed to John Brown out of such estates as shall be recovered by the execution of Sir Geo. Sands' younger son.

26. Order—on a report from the Treasury Commissioners in the case of Mich. Baker, and other messengers of the Exchequer [*see* 13 *July*, *suprà*], shewing that their service is to execute warrants for apprehending delinquents, &c.; that their office is very ancient and still necessary; and that they had 8*l.* 10*s.* 0½*d.* yearly, besides 24*s.* for livery fees and journeys—to request his Highness to order payment of the said salary, also of their travelling expenses when not apprehending delinquents, and their fees from persons apprehended are to be considered. *Annexing,*

141. I. *Statement by the messengers that their fees from persons committed are,—*

	£	s.	d.
For each commitment - - -	0	13	4
For fetching any person committed a mile there and back - -	0	0	8
For the custody of contemners each day -	0	6	8
For every discharge - - -	0	13	4

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141. II. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners on which the preceding order is founded*, 24 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

27. Order that Mr. Maidstone, his Highness's steward, and Mr. Waterhouse call before them the pretenders to lodgings and stables at the Mews, and clear them forthwith for the use of his Highness. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 382–386.]

Nov. 20. Proclamation by the Protector of the peace with France. Having by God's blessing concluded a treaty of peace and friendship with France, whereby all acts of hostility, by sea or land, are at once to cease, and all letters of marque and reprisal to be recalled, we charge all persons to take notice hereof, and require all ships of war and privateers to observe the said agreement. And that none may pretend ignorance, the Admiralty Commissioners are to give notice of the premises to all the ships at sea or in port, and the Admiralty Judges to call in upon their securities all privateers who have commissions against subjects of the King of France. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 151–2.]

Nov. 20. Order in Council that it be read, agreed to, printed, and published. [*I.* 76, *p.* 388.]

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4. Order that the Sequestration Commissioners prepare lists of all persons in the several counties who have compounded, with particulars of their estates, and return it speedily to Council or Sec. Thurloe. [*Also G.* 195, *p.* 417.]

6. Order—on reading proposals for better carrying on the business relating to the late King, &c.—that his Highness be requested to issue a proclamation for publishing the matter in the 5th, 6th, and 7th heads of the orders and instructions. *Annexing,*

142. *Proposals for better carrying on the business relating to the late King, by the Commissioners for securing the peace of the Commonwealth.*

(1.) *As in the* 5*th head, none of that party are to keep in their houses or families, as chaplains or schoolmasters, ejected ministers or fellows of colleges; and in the* 6*th head, no such schoolmaster or fellow is to preach in public or private under a penalty; and in the* 7*th, none of that party are, after a certain day, to buy any arms, offensive or defensive :—these articles should be made public by proclamation, that none may plead ignorance.*

(2.) *By the* 4*th head, the Commissioners are required to tax the persons concerned for their estates in the country, but it often falls out that a man has* 50*l. a year in one county, and* 50*l. in another, yet not having* 100*l. in one county, cannot be taxed; therefore he should be taxed in each county, or his whole estate charged in the county where he dwells.*

All delinquents should give in a particular of their estates under a penalty. [1 *page.*]

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7. An additional order to the County Commissioners for securing the peace read, agreed to, presented to his Highness, approved, and ordered to be sent to the Major-Generals.

8. The Lord President and Wolsley to receive from Mr. Cressett the grounds of some information given concerning the great resort to mass at the house of the Venetian Ambassador.

9. The Ordinance for abolishing all rural prebends, and some other ecclesiastical preferments, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to hear those who follow it, and report.

10. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Azariah Husbands, and 3 other trustees for Col. Rich's regiment, concerning a house and lands at Dover [*see* 11 Oct. 1655] —the report being that the premises were recovered at law on a lease by the Navy Commissioners to the Navy Victuallers—that Husbands and the trustees have their purchase money out of discoveries that they shall make of moneys, &c., due to the Commonwealth; the Treasury Commissioners to enquire into the same, and to assist in bringing the discoveries to prosecution and judgment. *Annexing,*

143. I. *Report alluded to, recommending the allowance of the purchase money, the second ½ of which was paid on penalty of sequestration, against other lands and houses which they had bought.* 23 *Oct.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

11. A paper subscribed by Lord Nieuport, concerning several ships seized at sea, referred to the Committee on other papers sent in by him.

12. On information that several sums are owing in the Western counties for services in the late insurrections, order that the former Militia Commissioners in the said counties, with General Desborow, give a warrant for their payment from militia money, and all persons in whose hands militia money remains are to issue it on such warrants. [*I.* 76, *p.* 386–9.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Dr. John Owen, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, Dr. Thos. Goodwin, President of Magdalen College, and the rest of the visitors of the University appointed by his Highness's Ordinance. The fellows of Jesus College have presented a petition complaining against Dr. Roberts, their Principal, which Council transmits to you for examination and determination, according to justice, and the powers intrusted to you, which you are desired to use speedily, that the college may not receive prejudice by long dependence thereof. [*I.* 76, *p.* 387.]

Nov. 20. **144.** Pres. Lawrence to the Major-Generals. Some of the Commissioners for securing the peace have written to know whether, in charging the estates of the parties concerned, consideration is to be had of the debts and incumbrances on such estates. His Highness and Council direct observance of the instructions already given, and do not think fit to allow defalcations for debts, &c. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

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Nov. 21. **145.** Petition of several inhabitants of Martin's-in-the-Fields to the Protector. There has been for 50 years a highway, called Hartshorne Lane, from the Strand to the Thames, which has been cleansed by the sworn scavengers; and the water from Giles', Martin's Lane, and Covent Garden, formerly running above ground, carried all the filth to Whitehall, to our great annoyance. To prevent this 20 years ago, the late King and Council and the Sewers' Commissioners ordered the said water to be conveyed underground, in a sewer, to the Thames; but 9 or 10 years ago, Col. Apsley, the owner, stopped the sewer, which caused the water to break out in our houses, and 2 children's lives were lost, but the Commissioners of Sewers ordered its re-opening. Col. Fenwick, the present owner of the soil, threatening again to stop it, we beg a full hearing of the Commissioners of Sewers, and all parties concerned therein. 66 signatures, 1 only being a mark. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 21. **146.** Copy of the above, signatures omitted. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 21. Order thereon in Council that the Sewers' Commissioners consider the case seriously, hear both parties, examine witnesses, and certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 389.]

Nov. 21. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. **147.** Order on report from the Committee on Lord Nieuport's paper, concerning several Dutch ships taken at sea, that the paper be transmitted to the Admiralty Commissioners, to speak with the Admiralty Judges and others, learn the facts of each particular case, and report.

2. Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, Wolsley, Montague, Mulgrave, Strickland, Lisle, and Desborow, to consider to-day's debate about sheriffs, and to meet this afternoon, and daily, till they are ready to report. Jones to have care of this matter.

3. The petition of many of the inhabitants of Covent Garden, and papers annexed, referred to the Lord Chief Baron, Recorder of London, Nath. Bacon, Col. John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, Lieut.-Col. White, Thos. Manby, and Hugh Peters, to examine witnesses and papers, and make proposals conducive to the redress of the grievances.

5. The report on the Earl of Clanricard's case to be considered next Friday.

6. To advise payment from the Army contingencies to John Greensmith of 8*l.*, for fire and candles for the guards attended by Lord Lambert's regiment of foot at the Mews.

7. Mr. Embree to order that the foot guard at the Mews be forthwith repaired and accommodated with necessary conveniences (*sic*).

8. In consideration of the faithful service of Capt. Hen. Ogle, the Council in Scotland are authorised to set, out of the forfeited lands in Scotland, lands of inheritance yearly value of 100*l.*, to him and his heirs, and to have the transfer legally transacted.

9. The Trustees for maintenance of Ministers to give Thos. Huggin, Minister of Lynn, an augmentation of 50*l.* a year. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 389, 390.]

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Nov. 23. New College. **148.** Thos. Butler to Williamson, at Edw. Norris's chambers, Lincoln's Inn. As to my voyage, my letter came one day too late, so I stay. I will take care of your things. As the ladies have given you a tide of tears, our wishes here shall send you a prosperous gale. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 23./Dec. 3. Cologne. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. The news is confirmed that the King of Sweden presses the Elector of Brandenburg, who, for want of assistance, will have to make an accommodation with him which will prejudice Holland. The States' sending ambassadors to Spain will not be of service to Cromwell, but if there be a sound war between him and Spain, it may be to good purpose for the States to unite with Spain, as indeed they would be forced to do.

No order is yet given to the Admiralty in Flanders to issue commissions for taking English ships, though there are 20 men-of-war at Ostend and Dunkirk only waiting commissions to sail. An envoy from Cromwell is said to have arrived at Madrid, so the Spaniard still hankers after an accommodation, or hopes that the Levellers—who have made great applications to Spain, and threaten to destroy Cromwell—may take him away. The Spaniard is confident there would be an end of designs against him, and he would easily make peace with England, if it were a republic, as probably it would be if that monster were in his grave.

Many of our friends would have the King go to Flanders without invitation, and negotiate his own business with the Archduke and the King of Spain's ministers. Some are so earnest that they would not have him wait till he knows that his presence there would not be unacceptable, which is a strange precipitation, and might beget distrust in a people that love to walk with a slow pace in affairs of consequence. If the King hastens into Flanders before he is expected, it may so disorder the ministers that they may advise him to withdraw, or it may make Cromwell the sooner patch up a peace with Spain, with the same conditions for excluding the King and his family out of all his dominions as the King of France has consented to, and what then would become of his Majesty? Keep all this to yourself, and let me have your opinion on it.

I have seen a declaration printed by authority, showing the reasons of Cromwell's severe proceedings against the loyal party. It is penned with as much advantage as may be, and could be handsomely answered. Barrière's stay in England may be to proceed in a treaty with Cromwell for an accommodation with Spain.

The Princess Royal's journey for France in this conjuncture may be of ill effect to his Majesty's negotiations with Spain, and I suppose proceeds from French counsels, to enjealous the Spaniard that the King's inclinations and engagements are so much affected to the French, as to impede his negotiations with Spain. I think Sir Alex. Hume too sincere in his affection to the King to have had any hand in persuading the Princess to the journey. Heenvliet and his lady are extremely averse to it, but on private grounds.

It is strange the Prince of Orange's greatest enemies should make Prince William Field-Marshal, and Nordwick Governor of Sluys. Who is to be governor of the Busse?

I hear Cromwell is in great want of money to carry on his preparations for the spring, and satisfy the seamen and land soldiers. I have not yet been abroad since this last fit of the gout. [3 *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

Nov. 23. / Dec. 3. John Adams to Pieter Hacker, London. Some captains of this nation who were in the States' service against you by sea in the late war, and are now cashiered, endeavour to get owners for ships of war to sail from Dunkirk with C. S's. [Charles Stuart's] commissions. He has applied to the King of Spain, who, he hopes, will suddenly embrace his interest, and call him to Brussels. His party promise themselves restoration by the Spaniard, and begin to rendezvous in Brabant. The imposition laid on their brethren in England much troubles them. They say such a contribution to C. S. would free them out of slavery, for so they call a good and Godly Government. I am going to Rotterdam, where some persons are entrusted by C. S. to try what moneys can be procured of the merchants for setting forth ships from Flanders, promising the lenders that their goods shall be free, besides great pennyworths shall be sold them of prize goods. I expect to learn the names of those who comply. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 26. / Dec. 6. Antwerp. —— Birford to [Sec. Nicholas?]. All the birds are flown from *Mardyke.* I can now open what *the King of Scots* is about. Before leaving *Dunkirk,* I met *Ormond's* secretary, who told me *the King* has sent to *Spain* offering great service by sea and land if that King would let him have *Dunkirk* and *Ostend.* A pledge for this is that he doubts not but many of the ships of *England* will come to him there, and it is convenient for landing parties in *England,* which may hinder the assistance of *England* to the *French army.* The secretary treated with the Admiral of Ostend, my acquaintance, who told me all this, and undertook to give *the King* 8 *ships. The King* will come to live near *Dunkirk* if this be granted, which will not be till war is declared between *England* and *Spain.* All *the King's* hopes are in this war, and the *Cavaliers* are gathering about it.

The *Archduke* is in the field near Condé, which we had hoped to take, but the French are so prosperous, there are no hopes of a peace. The *Spanish fleet* has left 3,000 men in High Spaniola. The King of Sweden has taken Cracow and has all Poland in his hands, and has sent to the Emperor for quarters for 30,000 men.

The *Pope* expects the ambassadors about *the peace,* of which there is no appearance.

Shall I send the Irish *officers* and *soldiers* to join with the *French army?*

I shall remain here till the *Archduke* comes to *Brussels,* which will be soon, and then meet my brother, and know all. When you send me any *money* send it by post, but alter the handwriting, and say the gentleman's brother sends it. Be sure you have the bond cancelled. My surety is Mr. Dekens, at the Shears, Maypole Alley, near Newmarket. [2 *pages. Flanders correspondence. The italics are cyphers, decyphered by Nicholas.*]

Nov. 27. **149.** Petition of Dorothy, widow and executrix of Sir John Manwood, to Council. In 1643 my husband, by license of Parliament, went to Holland with his household stuff, and since died. This summer, I was allowed to go to fetch the goods, on oath by 3 persons of quality, that they all came out of England, and were Sir John's. They are in the Port of London in 79 baskets, trunks, &c., but the Customs' Commissioners refuse to allow them to be delivered till they are appraised, and customs paid. I beg an order for their free delivery. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

149. I. *Schedule of the goods, viz., furniture, apparel, glass,* 12 *cases of old pictures, a bundle of maps, and a suit of arms, laden in the Philip of Dort.* [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 27. Orders thereon that the Commissioners of Customs and Excise deliver the goods free to Lady Manwood. [*I.* 76, *p.* 392.]

Nov. 27. **150.** Petition of Arnold Beake, merchant of London, to Council, for license to transport a horse to Bordeaux for his son Samuel, who resides there as his factor, horses being scarce in those parts. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 27. Order for a license accordingly. [*I.* 76, *p.* 393; *I.* 112, *p.* 254.]

Nov. 27. **151.** Petition of John and Thomas Georges, mayor and recorder, and of the burgesses and other inhabitants of Taunton, to the Protector, for his assent to the augmentation of 50*l.* a year each, granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Public Preachers, to George Newton and John Glanvill, ministers of Magdalen and James respectively, who have not 60*l.* a year. The town is large, full of inhabitants desirous of the best things, and ever faithful to the Commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 27. Order thereon in Council, allowing the said augmentation. [*I.* 76, *p.* 393.]

Nov. 27. Order and Declaration of the Protector and Council, in the usual form, for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month, from 25 Dec. 1655 to 24 June 1656. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 162–6; *I.* 76, *p.* 391. *Also Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498 *F*, *Vol.* 2, *No.* 95, 13 *pages printed.*]

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1. Order,—on report from the Committee touching deposited moneys for Prize Goods,—that the Prize Goods' Commissioners, out of the moneys deposited in their hands, pay into the Exchequer by next Friday 20,000*l.*; and from what remains, satisfy those who have already received decrees of restitution. If, on clearing their accounts, it be found that they have not money to satisfy all, his Highness and Council will take care to have the same satisfied, and them indemnified. The like order to be taken for those who in future shall obtain decrees for restitution, and for the Commissioners' indemnity.

2. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Navy Commissioners 20,000*l.*, ordered to be paid in by the Prize Goods' Commissioners, to pay for the ships in the Channel, being

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part of the list of 40 ships formerly ordered to be provided. Approved 27 Nov.

4. The petition of Francis Smith of Chelsea, Middlesex, referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Montague, and Jones, to report.

5. Harman Barnes, gunsmith, to have liberty to exercise his trade, notwithstanding the prohibition to delinquents to keep arms in their houses, and to send in monthly to the Major-General of Middlesex and Westminster an account of what he has made, what sold, and to whom.

6. Reference to Strickland, Mulgrave, Jones, and Rous, of this day's debate on the minister of Great Brickhill, co. Bucks, to which Mr. Mead was presented by his Highness, and another by Mr. Duncombe, on pretence of being patron, and they are to speak with Duncombe thereon, and report.

7. Order,—on report from the Committee on the Marquis of Argyle's arrest at Eliz. Maxwell's suit,—that Eliz. Maxwell, Countess of Dirleton, be enjoined to forbear further prosecution of him or his bail, and to take her remedy in Scotland, where the laws are open to her as formerly.

8. Order on a letter from the Commissioners of co. Lincoln,—asking whether they are to tax delinquents' estates as now they find them; or to look back to Nov. 1, 1653, and tax them in whomsoever's hands they find them, though really sold; or whether only to certify the same,—that the tax is to be laid according to the estate which each person had in Nov. 1653, to be charged on and paid out of such estate as he now has.

11. Order on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, prisoner in the Tower, that he have the liberty of the Tower, and the Lieutenant give order accordingly.

12. Sydenham, Montague, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to bring in an instruction according to to-day's debate, on the 3rd query mentioned in the letter to Mr. Secretary, from the Commissioners for executing his Highness's orders for securing the peace in co. Lincoln. Mr. Secretary to assist.

13, 14. The letter to Mr. Secretary from Major-Gen. Butler and the Commissioners of co. ———, referred to the same Committee, to report. Also letters to the President from the Commissioners for securing the peace in Norfolk and Suffolk.

18. **151***a*. Order,—on a paper from Lord Nieuport, representing the seizure of the Treveer and 11 other ships in London by Timothy Pye, the same belonging to the inhabitants of Middleburg and Flushing,—that the paper and attestations annexed be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

19. The petition of Rob. Swanley, late Commander of the Henry Bonaventure, betrayed at Trapani to some Dutch men-of-war by the Governor there, after promise of protection, for an allowance of ⅔ of such discoveries as he shall make towards reparation, referred to the Treasury Commissioners.

20. To advise the suppression of the Privy Seal letters of 19 Sept. last, ordering 80,000*l*. a year to John Maidstone, steward of

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his Highness's household, for its necessary charges, and the issue of warrants for 64,000*l.* instead from the Treasury; the remaining 16,000*l.* to be paid to Wm. Jessop, Clerk of the Council, to be issued by him on warrants from his Highness.

21. Order,—on report from the Committee on the Earl of Berkshire's petition,—that the Treasury Commissioners consider it, and also the petition of his creditors, and report.

22. The order of 12 Oct. last, for payment of 400*l.* to Elizabeth, widow of Major-Gen. Heane, renewed.

24. Order on petition of the well-affected of Haverfordwest,—complaining of the election of a Malignant to be an officer, and of some contemptuous proceedings there in reference to the late proclamation against Malignants bearing office, and particularly by Thos. Davids and Wm. Walter; also on a paper representing the sufferings of John Sharpe, for prosecutions made by him on the State's behalf, and that John Davies continues town clerk, notwithstanding his disaffection and the miscarriages charged on him; and setting forth the advantage given to disaffected persons by the power committed to Walter:—That Col. Rowland Dawkins, James Phillipps, Arthur Owen, Samson Lort, Jenkin Lloyd, Rowland Gethins, and Rich. Browne, examine if the facts alleged are true, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 391–4.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Council to the [Lord Mayor of London]. As the peace with France is to be proclaimed to-morrow by the heralds, that it may be done with the usual solemnity, you are to meet the heralds at Temple Bar at 11 a.m., and accompany them with the city maces to the places customary for publication. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 394–5.]

Nov. 28. **152.** Petition of the inhabitants of Wintringham, in the East Riding of York, to the Committee of Trustees for maintenance of Ministers at Westminster, for augmentation of their minister's maintenance. Their parish is large, with several hamlets belonging to it, but the maintenance was never more than 15*l.* a year in the best times, for which cause the cure has been mostly served by very weak and insufficient ministers, and for months past, has been deserted altogether. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 28. Order in Council confirming a grant to the Wintringham minister by the said trustees of 20*l.* a year augmentation. [*I.* 76, *p.* 395.]

Nov. 28. **153.** Petition of Wm. Memprisse, minister of Leconfield, East Riding of co. York, to the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers, for a grant of 23*l.* a year, from Monkfriston rectory, late part of Wistow prebend, co. York, his present maintenance being only 16*l.* a year, "so small a competency as no man can comfortably subsist." [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

153. I. *Certificate by Rob. Orme, Fras. Grimston, Jeremy Garthwaite minister of Carnaby, and Thos. Chrozer minister of Bridlington, to the ability and godliness of Wm. Memprisse,* 25 *Oct.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

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Nov. 28. Order in Council on report of the Trustees for Ministers, granting 23*l*. a year more to the minister of Leconfield, and 20*l*. to that of Wintringham, both co. York. [*I*. 76, *p*. 395.]

Nov. 28. **154.** Petition of William, Earl marshal of Scotland, to the Protector, for release on security for quiet demeanour. Has been 4 years in restraint, and 18 months undergone an irksome and chargeable imprisonment in the Tower, to the ruin of his health, and consumption of his allowance. [⅔ *page*.]

Nov. 28. Order in Council on this petition, and the certificate of 2 physicians as to his indisposition, that he have his liberty for a week, on good bail to be taken by the Lieutenant of the Tower. [*I*. 76, *p*. 398.]

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1. The grant by the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers of an augmentation of 50*l*. a year to Geo. Hughes, minister of Plymouth, approved.

3. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of divers of the jurates and Common Council of Sandwich, Kent—that the election of Sandwich magistrates on next Monday be put off 3 weeks; and that the town clerk attend the Committee with the town charter, and such orders as have been made for restraining or enlarging the votes of the commoners, by Parliament, the late Council or the Lord Wardens [of the Cinque Ports].

4. Sir Wm. Roberts, John Stone, Gervas Bennet, Adam Baynes, John Bockett, and John Price, Excise Commissioners, to whom the management of wine licences was referred Oct. 31, 1655, to be agents for wine licences till further order; Mildmay, Case, and Bodarda, the former agents, to deliver up to the above on demand all papers concerning the licenses, as also the house in Fleet Street and its furniture, or to attend Council and show reasons to the contrary. Approved 30 Nov.

5, 6. Order on the representation of the Committee for preservation of Customs, on petition of the merchant adventurers of Bristol—that calf skins and Welsh butter being their two chief exports, and allowed by the Book of Rates of 1642, the Committee for the Navy and Customs in 1645 and often since allowed their export, and quantities were exported till 1652, when Mich. Measy informed against several of them in the Exchequer, on pretence of a prohibition by ancient Acts of Parliament: that their case was referred to the said Committee for the Navy [and Customs,] and by them to Parliament, who stayed proceedings, and in Jan. 1652–3 the Exchequer Court ordered the informer to cease his prosecution, and the Navy Committee discharged the petitioners also: that like orders were given by the Indemnity Committee and the Committee for Parliament for petitions, who dismissed the informer with costs, yet he prosecutes them again in the Exchequer, and judgment is ordered against them unless they appear by a certain day:—That the Attorney-General order non-prosecution in that court also, and that the petitioners

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have leave to export calf skins on paying the rates. Also that the whole business of the export of calf skins be referred to the Committee for Trade, to report.

7. John Rogers, now restrained to a private house in the Isle of Wight, to be removed to Carisbrooke Castle, and the Deputy-Governor of the island to see it done.

9. Order—on petition of Christian Kinippell of Stettin, Swedish merchant, concerning his arrest at the suit of Thos. Papillon and others, and prosecution in the Court of Upper Bench, whence a prohibition is sought for staying his proceedings in the Admiralty, where the matter is properly cognizable—that the Committee of Council on petitions of several merchants concerning prohibitions be desired to hasten their report, and that they consult with Lord Chief Justice Glynn and the counsel learned, whether proceedings in this case may be stayed till a general rule is laid down.

10. Order—on a petition concerning some Swedish ships taken in the West Indies by our fleet—that Gen. Penn certify to Council what Swedish ships were taken, and the state of their cases.

12. Lambert, Fiennes, Lisle, Wolsley, and Sydenham, to consider the several petitions of prisoners delivered to Council by Mr. Bacon.

13. An instruction to be prepared for the Majors-General and the Commissioners of the several counties, to see if any money due to the State remains in the hands of private persons, and report.

14. Desborow, Sydenham, Montague, and Wolsley, to consider what Desborow offered to-day concerning those imprisoned on the late rebellion in the western counties, and now under his charge as Major-General, and the disbanding of some companies raised in the said counties, and to report.

15. **155.** Order that as 96*l.* is due to Sturley Kedgwin of Colford, for charges of a commission about the Forest of Dean, executed at his house in 1641, and as 53*l.* remains in Major Wade's hands, on account for materials of works demolished at Gloucester, the Major pay this balance by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to direct its payment to Kedgwin.

16. The petition of Wm. Greenhill, preacher at Stepney, co. Middlesex, referred to Montague, Sydenham, Desborow, Lambert, and Jones, the Committee to whom a report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning ministers' augmentations was referred, to report.

19. Sydenham and Montague to consider Mr. Frost's list of warrants charged on the Council's contingencies and not yet paid, and report which must be paid speedily.

22. Order on report on the business between Col. Harvey and Capt. Langham, and a certificate of the Commissioners for regulating Excise and Customs, on an order of 13 Nov.—with a state of the accounts of the Commissioners of Customs and the proceedings of the referees, together with propositions by them made, and the opinion of the Commissioners of Customs thereupon—that a charge be sent to the Customs' Commissioners, with a salvo to any surcharge that may hereafter be added. *Annexing,*

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156. I. *Certificate by the Commissioners of Customs, &c., alluded to, that up to June* 1654 *there was* 435*l.* 12*s.* 10*d. due to Harvey and Langham; that their receipts from* 24 *June* 1654 *to* 29 *Sept.* 1655 *were,—*

	£	*s.*	*d.*
	562,185	5	7¾
Their payments for that time -	507,493	2	5¾
Leaving in hand - - -	54,690	3	2 (*sic.*)

from which the 435*l.* 12*s.* 10*d. should be deducted, but that they suspect other receipts may be found in surcharge; they will also make further enquiries into the disbursements. Meanwhile, they recommend,—*

(1.) *That Langham have his liberty, that he may be able to clear his accounts with collectors of customs, who are come to town on purpose.*

(2.) *That the books and vouchers relating to Customs in the hands of Council restored to the Commissioners.*

(3.) *That the account of Col. Harvey and participants be closed* 29 *Sept. last, and a new account carried on in the port of London and the out-ports.* 27 *Nov.* 1655. 6 *signatures.* [2⅓ *pages.*]

156. II. *Proposals by the referees in the case,—*

(1.) *That a charge be sent to the Commissioners of Customs, with a salvo for any surcharge that may be added.*

(2.) *That the late referees on the business of accounts, with auditor Beale, be required to perfect the accounts with the Commissioners to* 29 *Sept. last.*

(3.) *That the referees require present payment of all sums kept out of the Exchequer.*

(4.) *That Langham attend at the Custom House with his keeper to perfect the accounts.*

(5.) *That the future management of the whole affair be considered, and the Commissioners changed.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

23. The referees in the business of the accounts, with auditor Beale, to perfect the account with the Commissioners, who are to attend them, and to follow the directions they shall receive. The referees to send for such persons and papers as they require, and to perfect the account to Sept. 29, 1655.

24. The said referees empowered to require of the Customs' Commissioners present payment of all such sums as ought to have been in the cash of the customs, and have been diverted.

25. Capt. Langham to be allowed to attend the Custom House with his keeper, from time to time, as the referees shall require him. Approved 28 Nov.

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26. Order on a report from the Committee on the petitions of Thos. Duckett [*see* 30 Aug. 1655], and on report of the Attorney-General that the petitioner deserves encouragement—the Committee having viewed some experiments upon leather, and perused his papers on the way of improving ground, and seeing no prejudice that can accrue by granting the desired patents—to request a warrant to the Attorney-General to prepare the patents requested. *Annexing,*

157. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Sydenham.* [1 *page.*]

157. II. *Description by Duckett, prepared at request of the said Committee, of his proposed methods for improvement of land, by avoiding the damage of weeds and shrubs, by spreading certain ingredients on them; moistening hilly, dry, and barren ground; doubling or trebling the value of land, when the turf is too shallow to be ploughed; and raising sufficiency of rich manure, as good as lime or cattle dung. With letter to the said Committee on this disclosure of the "skin or outside of his designs."* 1 *Nov.* 1655. [5 *closely written pages.*]

27. Order on report from the Committee on the petition concerning the office of Bailiff of Guernsey—shewing its antiquity, its management by a person appointed by the Kings and Queens of England, and its execution by one person till 1653, when Parliament ordered that the jurates of the Island should execute it in turn for a month, which method has proved inconvenient, and therefore the government of the Island should be restored to its old constitution, by a bailiff for life and jurates, appointed as before, and recommending Peter Beauvoir de Granges, formerly bailiff for 8 years, appointed by order of Parliament of 10 July 1647, for re-appointment—to advise Beauvoir's appointment as bailiff for life, he demeaning himself well in the execution of the office. Approved 28 Nov.

28. Order on report from the Committee on the papers presented by Mr. Haviland and Mr. De la Marck, deputies from Guernsey—desiring that the camparts and other dues to the State may be remitted; that Castle Cornet may be demolished; that the keeping of the Island may be committed to the inhabitants; that they may receive the revenue and dispose of it for public ends; that the licences for goods exported to that Island may be dispensed by the bailiff and jurates; and that the appeals from thence and from Jersey, formerly made to the King and Council, be determined by the bailiff and jurates of the respective islands, each for the other—that a letter be written to the Governor of Guernsey, signifying that his Highness and Council think fit not to grant the said proposals, as not consistent with the safety and good government of the Island; and directing the Governor to call together the well-affected inhabitants, and tell them that if they have anything for the public advantage and safety of the Island to offer, his Highness and Council will be ready to consider thereof, when tendered in a due

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way, and to comply with what may tend to good ends. The Governor is also to enquire the grounds on which the proposals arose, and to report, that sober persons may be encouraged, and better notice taken of the disaffected and troublesome.

29. The following persons appointed Commissioners for Assessments,—

Kent.—Capts. Thos. Monnings, Lawrence Knott, Thos. Wilson, and Thos. Harrison; Lieut-Col. Crompton, and Major Edw. Sharpe; also Rob. Maschall, Wm. Jones, Peter Peck, Ant. Bodell of Tenterden, and Wm. Ward of Sandhurst.
Suffolk.—Benj. Gifford, Governor of Landguard Fort.
York, all 3 Ridings.—Col. Rob. Lilburne.
Devon.—Hen. Walter, Wm. Fortescue of Bucklandfilly.
Berks.—Capts. Edw. Scotton and Cannon.
Hants.—Sam. Bull.

[*I.* 76, *pp.* 395–400; *also I.* 76*A*, *p.* 166.]

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158. Certificate by Rich. Pridgeon and 5 others, masters and passengers of the Falcon, Francis, and Sea Fortune. Our ships were laden with merchants' goods of great value, and bound for Lisbon. When Gen. Colart weighed with his squadron out of Cascaes Road on $\frac{22 \text{ Nov.}}{2 \text{ Dec.}}$, he engaged with two frigates belonging to the Commonwealth, whereupon 3 of his squadron standing in after us, we sought shelter under the forts belonging to the King of Portugal; this notwithstanding, they fired several shots at us and one broadside, and although those in the forts saw what passed, they afforded no assistance save firing two guns without shot, which was an encouragement for the enemy to take advantage against us, and can bear no other interpretation. [1 *page.*]

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159. Declaration of the Protector. The King of Spain has lately seized English ships and goods, without the 6 months' notice agreed upon by the treaty of peace in 1630 to be given in case of war, having not only exercised for many years great cruelties to the English in Barbadoes, but now made preparations for war, and ordered the seizure of English ships; therefore an universal embargo, seizure, and reprisals have been issued against the said King and his subjects, and his Highness entreats all Princes in amity with him to restrain their subjects from sending, lending, or selling to the said King any arms or instruments of war. As the law of nations allows all such to be treated as contraband, they will be seized after due notice, and forfeited on proof that they were intended for Spain.

This declaration to be published by a serjeant-at-arms 3 days on the Exchange, London, at the time of concourse of merchants, and copies sent to all foreign ambassadors and ministers here resident. [3½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

160. i. *Note of the addition named in the following order of Council.* [¼ *page.*]

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1. Order that in the draft of a declaration concerning contraband goods, a clause be inserted including ships hired, sold unto, or designed for the service of Spain, after publication and notice.

2. The declaration recommitted to the former Committee, which is to meet this afternoon on to-day's debate, and report.

3. The same Committee to prepare a letter to the fleet, to be sent with a declaration of what they are to seize as prizes, according to the article in the Dutch treaty.

4. The Earl of Calendar's report to be considered to-morrow.

5. The petition of Col. Geo. Fenwick referred to the Great Seal Commissioners, Lord Chief Baron, and Mr. Recorder, to speak with the Earl of Bedford and Col. Fenwick, and try an accommodation between them, that neither Whitehall nor any other place may suffer prejudice by the sewer in question, and that Fenwick may not be deprived of his rights.

6. The order of Nov. 21, 1655, on the petition of the inhabitants of Martin's in the Fields, revoked.

7. **161.** The information by Gen. Desborow, touching a French ship and some Spanish moneys, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine and report. *Annexing,*

161. i. *Note that Wm. Pitchers is the informer, and the ship concerned is the Mary Rose of London, Wm. Jourdain, master.* [¼ *page.*]

8. The drafts of landscapes taken about Rochester by Lord Nieuport's servant and his instruments—seized by some officers at Chatham and sent to the Admiralty Commissioners—to be returned to the party.

9. The proposals made by the corporation of Salisbury to his Highness, and by him referred to Council, referred to Wolsley, Strickland, Sydenham, and Jones, to enquire and report, that Godliness may be encouraged, and good government settled there. [*I.* 76, *p.* 401.]

[Nov. 30.] **162.** Proposals of Wm. Cutler, Geo. Blake, and John Welden to the Protector and Council. Having gained in our trades much knowledge of customs, and wishing to advance the Revenue, we request a commission to inspect the receipt of customs and excise, and to oversee the subordinate officers. We could raise the receipts 100,000*l.* a year on the average of the last 5 years, without disturbance of the present rules, or introduction of anything unlawful. For our pains and expense of our officers, we only ask 2*s.* in the pound on the advance, if it amount to 50,000*l.* or upwards. If it be below, we will bear the whole expense, which will not be less than 3,000*l.* a year, out of our own purses, provided we may be established in the commission for 3 years. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. Order in Council, on report of the Committee of Council to whom the business of Customs is referred—that as it is convenient for the farm of silk mercery, now held by Mr. Noel at 56,000*l.* a year, to be taken off, which the Excise Commissioners

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are about to do in the best way, they think Wm. Cutler and Geo. Blake should be commissioned to survey the subordinate officers of Excise and Customs, as to exports and imports, under direction of his Highness and Council,—advising its adoption. [*I.* 76, *p.* 402.] *Annexing,*

163. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Montague.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. **164.** Petition of Thos. Kendall and Co. to the Protector. Have prepared the Marigold for the South Sea in the East Indies, and to return to some English port. It is customary to all traders in those parts to export foreign coin, without which their commodities cannot be secured. Beg leave to carry out free 3,500*l.* worth of Mexico and Seville ryals of eight. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. Reference to the Committee for Preservation of Customs of the above petition, and also of that of Hen. Hunt, Thos. Barnardiston, and other merchants of London, for licence to transport 3,000*l.* of Spanish money to the East Indies; and of that of the East India Company to transport 15,000*l.*, customs' free. [*I.* 76, *p.* 403.]

Nov. 30. **165.** Petition of Fras. Jones and Rob. Duke, prisoners in Exeter Castle, to the Protector. We owe the very air we breathe to your clemency, and would rather be torn in pieces than stir a little finger against you. We beg you to add liberty to life, on our plighting faith and religion, and giving security for good deportment in our native country; or else to banish us, that our families may not perish by the expense of our tedious, though deserved imprisonment. With reference to Council, 2 Nov. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. Order thereon in Council that Gen. Desborow give a warrant to the keeper of the prison to deliver them, and others in prison at Exeter on the late insurrection, to merchants or others, who will give security to transport them prisoners to the East Indies, not to return without special licence. [*I.* 76, *p.* 405.]

Nov. 30. **166.** Petition of Capt. Thos. Foster, Governor of Middleham Castle, co. York, to Council. On 16 March last, by order of Col. Lilburne, I, with 30 soldiers, fortified the castle, to preserve the peace of the country, and prevent insurrections which were in many parts, by the then plotters against the present Government. We have continued in service ever since without pay, as an order for 2 months' pay from the Army contingencies cannot be met, so that the soldiers are in great want, and I am deeply engaged for provisions, &c., for them. I beg arrears and present support. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. Order thereon that Col. Lilburne order the accounts to be stated, take up money in the country to pay the men, disband them, and charge the sum on Wm. Walker, who pays the Army's contingencies, and that the Army Committee issue warrants for payment to Mr. Walker, on Lilburne's bill of exchange. [*I.* 76, *p.* 405.]

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1. Order—on information from the Mayor of Dartmouth, that a ship of Flushing, laden at Dunkirk, and bound for Sebastian in Spain, was lately forced by leakage into Torbay, and then brought to Dartmouth, having on board goods belonging to Spain and 200 Spaniards—that Capt. Hatsell, Vice-Admiral of co. Devon, repair to Dartmouth, secure the ship and her lading, and prevent the men from escaping or doing mischief. Desborow to call to his assistance such of the forces under his command in the West as may be necessary.

2. The augmentation to Faithful Taate of 100*l.* a year, 50*l.* each for Peter's and Gregory's churches in Sudbury, Suffolk, granted him by the Ministers' Trustees in 1651, to be still continued, on account of his diligence in the ministry, though the present Trustees reduced it to 60*l.* Approved 30 Nov.

3. The Committee on the augmentations of certain ministers to meet next Tuesday and report on Wednesday, and Taate's petition to be then considered.

5. All the provisions directed by Council to be sent to Jamaica, and now to be shipped by Mr. Noel in the State's ships, to be passed by the Customs' Commissioners free.

8. Order on a paper from Nich. Pendlebury, administrator of Sir Henry Vane, deceased—that, he having entrusted Art. Stock to contract with Mr. Fenwick and Capt. Lilburne, according to order of Sept. 4, for sale to the State of the arms and ammunition in Raby Castle belonging to Vane, a contract was made, with the prices expressed, which Pendlebury confirmed, amounting to 295*l.* 7*s.*, to be paid in 10 days—that the contract be confirmed by Council, and that the Treasury Commissioners consider how the sum due may be satisfied.

9. The petition of John Weykes, and certificates testifying his deserting the late King's party and serving Parliament in several expeditions, notwithstanding which security is required from him as though he had always acted against Parliament, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower, Major-General for Middlesex and Westminster, to report.

10. Order on Montague's report from the Committee on Frost's list of the warrants charged on him and not satisfied—that, beside the 2,000*l.* ordered him on Nov. 16, there is present need of 1,227*l.* more, for payment of those sums marked by the Committee in the margin of the list, amounting to 3,227*l.*—to advise payment of the 1,227*l.* from Council's contingencies.

12. Order suspending that of Wednesday [*see* 28 *Nov.* 1655] so far as it relates to calfskins, and referring that part of the information to the Treasury Commissioners and Lord Chief Baron, to examine persons and papers, and report.

13. Order on report from the Committee appointed to consider the prisoners at Exeter taken in the insurrection, and the disbanding of the companies who were their guard, that all prisoners in Exeter and elsewhere, taken in that insurrection, be transported to Barbadoes, and other foreign plantations. Desborow to agree with

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merchants about taking them off, and to give warrants to their keepers to deliver them over.

14. Order that Desborow, at his coming into the West, cause the accounts of the two companies of foot guarding the prisoners at Exeter to be cast up for their arrears and stated, and pay them with the money he shall receive of the Receiver-General for the assessments in the Western counties, and then disband them; and that he repay those moneys out of the militia money found in the hands of any in the counties under his Major-Generalship, and if it fall short, report to Council.

19. The provisions of war at Bristol, as named, having been removed, according to order, to Chepstow Castle, by John Phillipps, an officer of Capt. John Nicolas, its governor, 11*l.* is to be paid him for expenses of removal, and the letter of particulars sent to the Ordnance Office to be put in charge.

20. To consider the report on the Earl of Calendar's petition next Tuesday.

21. Lord Nieuport's lady to have liberty to remain with her husband, who is a prisoner in the Tower, and the Lord Lieutenant to permit it accordingly.

23. Jones, Sydenham, Montague, Wolsley, Strickland, and Desborow, to consider the whole business of the arresting of some Prize Goods' Commissioners, and report what should be done.

24. The petition of Sir Anthony Cage referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

25. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners about the trust and care incumbent on the Navy Treasurer, that Rich. Hutchinson, treasurer, have the same salary as last year, viz., 1,500*l.*, if the sums he issue do not exceed 700,000*l.* in the year, and for every additional 100,000*l.*, 100*l.* more. Approved 12 Dec.

26. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that Martin Noel, and the rest of the Committee sitting in London, have sent them a particular of the materials prepared for Jamaica, and of their cost, at a reasonable rate, viz., 5,368*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, beside 242*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* for Bibles ordered by his Highness for the colony—that the 5,611*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* be paid, and the Treasury Commissioners consider how it may best be paid.

27. The petition of Owen Rowe, Thos. Loddington, and Oliver Williams, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Jones, Desborow, Skippon, Rous, Strickland, Lisle, and Pickering, to report.

28. Approval by the Protector of an order of 28 Nov. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 402–7.]

Nov. ? **167.** Petition of the Treason Trustees to his Highness's Council. By your order of 27 July 1654, we issued warrants to pay the 16,472*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* due to our surveyors, &c., but 830*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* still remains unpaid. By your order of 11 Oct. 1655, the treasurers are to pay all that comes in at once to the Exchequer, but we beg that these necessitous persons may first have their arrears paid. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. ? **168.** G. Holofernes to Williamson, Oxford. Your letter was a month in reaching me. I hoped to come to you, but cannot. I hear our sick friend is coming up to London to be married. I shall wait on her soon. I will send you some oysters. Tell me Oxford news. [¾ *page.*]

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Dec. 3. **1.** Jas. Astyn to Williamson, at Edw. Norris' chamber, Lincoln's Inn. Thanks for your letter by my tutor. I wonder not to hear of Mr. Lowther. Dr. South of Christchurch has declaimed in the schools, and abused Dr. Ellis, and put on a black cap to jeer him; told him his jokes were as old as his clothes, and abused all the foundation, who intend to make his years as short as his declamation was long. Our friends at Carfax and New College are well. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. **2.** Petition of Mary, wife of Thos. Fitzjames, gentleman, to the Protector. My husband was condemned at Exeter for being in company with some persons taken in the late insurrection in the West, but on petition of his mother Margaret, you reprieved him; he still remains prisoner, and his estate, worth 10*l.* a year, settled on me as jointure, is at your disposal, which will be my ruin, as it is all my maintenance. I beg to have the estate, or at least the pre-eminency to be tenant thereof. With reference to Council, his Highness wishing the petitioner to be in some measure considered. 2 Nov. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 76, *p.* 408.]

Dec. 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Army Committee to send into the several counties printed copies of the Order and Declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month, for six months from Dec. 25, to maintain the army, and to direct them to fit persons for distribution.

3. The King of France to be allowed to levy 1,000 Scots for his service in such parts of Scotland as his Highness shall appoint.

5. To advise renewal of the commission to the former Admiralty Commissioners for impressing seamen, to be directed to the present Admiralty Commissioners.

8. The examination of Wm. Walton, of Oxhill, co. Warwick, taken before Thos. Appletree, justice of the peace for co. Oxford, concerning words spoken by Thos. Arnold, referred to the Major-General of the county.

10. **3.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order Elizabeth, wife to Rob. Jeffryes, trooper, and Rebecca, wife to Hugh Ditchfield, artillery train carpenter, to be transported to their husbands in Jamaica.

12. Confirmation of the order of 26 Nov. last to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to pay Lewis Stukely, a preacher in Exeter Cathedral, 100*l.* a year besides his former allowance, to begin from Sept. 29 last.

13. Order—on information from the mayor and burgesses of Lyme Regis that a vessel arrived there from the United Provinces a month

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since, and no one therein has been sick since—that the master of the vessel have liberty to land the goods aboard her, and that the Customs' Commissioners permit it accordingly.

14. The Committee of Council appointed 10 May last, to regulate the fourth of the pay of the officers and soldiers listed under Gen. Venables, to order Mr. Bowes, Hodges, and Creed to state the accounts of Capt. Cooper, who died in the service in Jamaica, and see that the balance is paid to his widow from the first moneys that come in.

15. John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, to pay Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, 5,000*l.* as a loan for the navy's use, to be repaid by warrant out of the Navy Treasury, as the Admiralty Commissioners direct.

16. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for payment of the said 5,000*l.* to Blackwell and Deane. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 407–9.]

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Whitehall.

4. Sec. Thurloe to Col. Clarke. I want a warrant to the captain of the Indian to receive William St. John on board, and an order, according to Lord St. John's letter and mine, to deliver him to Goodson or Fortescue, and not permit him to return on shore. Advise the bearer as to the best way of getting him on board. [1 *page.*]

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Queen's College.

5. J. L[amplugh] to Williamson. I delivered your book to Mr. Provost, who has procured almost all the hands you desired, but did not apply to Mr. B., because, though we are to pray for those who discourteously use us, we are not to court them. I cannot write to Dillington, being persuaded to preach a funeral sermon. For the money, keep what you need for necessaries, and let me have the rest. [1 *page.*]

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6. Petition of Robt. Fenwick, Esquire, to the Protector. By Ordinance of Parliament of 29 Feb. 1647–8, the registrarship in the Civil or Ecclesiastical Courts of York or Durham, when they should be settled, was bestowed on him in part satisfaction of his faithful services and great losses. Understanding that his Highness is about to settle the probate of wills and testaments, begs consideration of the premises. Noted that his Highness will be reminded thereof when the said course is settled. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

6. i. *Order in Parliament granting the said office, and also 1,000l. from concealed delinquents' estates to be discovered by him.* 3 *Feb.* 1647–8. [1 *page.*]

6. ii, iii, iv. *Like orders renewed* 22 *and* 29 *Feb.* 1647–8. [3 *papers.*]

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7. Petition of the merchants trading to Spain to the Protector. Your late Declaration reviving the Act for Prizage of Wines will ruin us unless suspended. We have so many wines unsold of last year's vintage, which cost so much that, with customs, freights, &c., they cannot be sold below the present price without great loss. By the embargo we lose our estates, and our ships return empty, and if we are limited to price, our wines must remain on our hands. We therefore beg suspension of the Declaration. 24 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 5. Reference thereon in Council to the Commissioners for Trade, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 411.]

Dec. 5. **8.** Petition of Wm. Rooke, merchant, prisoner in Lambeth House, to the Protector. I was attached and committed 3 months since, to the ruin of my foreign commerce, on suspicion of being privy to the design of M. de Gard and Selton, since said to be Lord Wilmot and Wagstaffe, whom I entertained one night at my house at Margate; 10 weeks since I delivered a relation of the case to Sec. Thurloe. The rest of my estate is employed in husbandry, and harvest drawing near, my imprisonment will ruin my family. I was never in arms against Parliament. I knew nothing before of M. de Gard. I beg discharge on security, and remission of the 10*s.* a day demanded by the Serjeant-at-arms, which I am unable to pay. With reference, 18 Sept. 1655, to Council. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 5. Order thereon in Council, that the Serjeant-at-arms release him, and that he forthwith enter into security to Maj. Gen. Kelsey, according to the instructions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 412.]

Dec. 5. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Sir Thos. Viner, Sir John Poole, Cornelius Holland, Phineas Andrewes, and other creditors of Sir Henry Vane, deceased, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

2. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning the Treveer and 11 other ships of Middleburg and Flushing, seized in the port of London by Tim. Pye, on pretence of importing prohibited goods, that the ships and their lading be discharged, and restored to their respective masters.

3. Mulgrave, Wolsley, Strickland, and Jones to examine Tim. Pye's proceedings in seizing the said ships, and to report.

4. The preparation of an answer to the Lord Ambassador Extraordinary's letter of $\frac{17}{27}$ October 1655 to his Highness not to be referred to a Committee.

7. Mulgrave, Jones, and Strickland, to learn about the Dutch hoy Patriarch Jacob taken by a State's vessel, and report.

10. A paper of Sir Geo. Sands referred to Maj. Gen. Kelsey, who, if he find its contents true, is to discharge Sands from further trouble.

11. The petition of Robert Lord Tracy referred to Desborow, Maj. General of the 6 western counties, to give order thereon.

15. The Treasury Commissioners to give warrant for paying the moneys due to sick and maimed soldiers out of the first moneys that come in.

17. Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, to direct Mr. Ryley to search among the Scotch records in the Tower for 4 Scotch bonds of 1,000*l.* each, entered into by Sir Wm. Dick and his sons, to Sir Wm.

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Balfour, dated at Edinburgh and London, July 24 and August 24, 1646; and to allow Balfour to hold them on security, to return them at expiration of the time that shall be limited.

18. On report from a Committee on the letter from Lord Broghill of 4 Oct. last, order for the following letter. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 409–412.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill, president of his Highness's Council in Scotland. Your letter concerning indemnity for robberies committed in the Highlands during the late war has been considered; Council thinks a general indemnity prejudicial to many who, having opposed the rebellion there, and suffered thefts and robberies, have no way of satisfaction for their losses according to the engagements made them, in case they should be deprived of their remedy at law for recovery thereof. Council thinks it expedient to empower the Council in Scotland to grant indemnity in particular cases, and asks whether this measure will be sufficient to ward off the evil feared of the persons running into rebellion. Meanwhile all your suspensions of prosecutions are to be continued. [*I.* 76, *p.* 412.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. **9.** Sec. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. Having seen your report to Council concerning some Zealand ships seized by Pye, wherein you allege that I wrote the Customs' Commissioners on behalf of Pye, who, as you say, has no constant place of abode, I beg you will send that letter to Council, as I deny the truth of your report; I wrote the Commissioners by express order of his Highness,—on a complaint by Pye that some Dutch ships were in the river with prohibited goods, which the Commissioners of Customs would not seize,—that they were to examine the business, and give directions therein. I appeal to you whether this was writing on behalf of Pye, whom I have never seen. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

9. i. *Sec. Jno. Thurloe to the Commissioners of Customs. Tim. Pye having reported that he has seized several Dutch ships with prohibited goods, and that notwithstanding the goods are still unlading, and are entered in the Custom House, and that, upon acquainting you therewith, you alleged you had no power to do anything therein, I desire you will examine the matter, give necessary directions, and transmit an account to Council.* 21 *Nov.* 1655. [*Copy, ½ page.*]

9. ii. *Mark Hildesley and Jno. Upton, Customs' Commissioners, to Sec. Thurloe. Tim. Pye informed us yesterday that a week since he seized certain ships and their lading, lately come from Holland, but did not give particulars, nor register the same with the Registrar of Seizures, as by law required and as advised by us, so that we could not take cognizance thereof; nor may we refuse to accept of entries of any goods or merchandize tendered to us according to law, there being a penal statute prohibiting it. Neither can our deputies, without sufficient cause, make stay of* *any merchants' goods, or refuse to deliver them after they have been entered and the duties satisfied, the law being open for any merchant to take his remedy against them in such cases.*

If Pye can prove that the goods are prohibited, which is not evident to our officers, they not being able to make any such proof, the law directs an information in the Court of Exchequer, and the goods being registered with the Registrar of Seizures, we should have granted sufferances for landing thereof into safe custody, that the duties due to his Highness and the Commonwealth might be secured. The Commissioners for Customs never judged themselves required to make seizures, nor, upon the seizure of goods by others, to interpose therein, further than to land and secure them, and take care that, either upon composition or condemnation, the duties due were secured, and no fraud practised. Custom House, 24 Nov. 1655. [*Copy, ¾ page.*]

9. III. *Copies of the above correspondence in short hand.* [*¾ page.*]

Dec. 6. London. **10.** *Dick Pile* to [Sec. Nicholas.] I am encouraged by *Halsey,*—he who was arrested by *Cromwell,* and with whom you were in the last dangerous voyage to England—to get commodities from France quickly, as it would be advantageous if, after the concluding of the peace, I first had them to dispose of, so I have got 1,500 *foot* and 500 *horse*; but before I open shop you will be in *Gloucestershire.* I hear that *the King* is getting the like commodities. I want to know when he will come over, as I shall be 2 days before him. I want 2 journeymen; I shall take *Massey* for one, and *Wilmot* for the other. [1 *page. The italics are in cypher decyphered.*]

Dec. 6. Queen's College. **11.** John Beeby to Williamson. Send cordials to Carfax instead of compliments, or Mr. Lamplough will get more by funeral sermons this year than in 2 or 3 before. I am detained here on business, but hope soon to wait on your friends. Whom do you intend by Notre Dame d'Ardilliers? [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Queen's College. **12.** Geo. Langbarne to Williamson. I look on you as going into Egypt, where I shall follow you with my prayers. Follow God and depend on him, and he will not forsake you. Be conscientious in discharging the great trust you have undertaken of those young gentlemen, especially Rich. Lowther, as I recommended you to his parents. My service to Justice Lowther, and Sir Fras. Norris. I wish you a prosperous journey. [1 *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{7}{17}$. Cologne. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. You seem confident the English are still at Jamaica. If so, the King of Spain should not suffer them to settle there long. I hear Cromwell (after his old perfidious manner) has let fall words as though he would restore Jamaica, which he intends not, if he is sending more ships to the West Indies; but such speeches, and some of Cromwell's false instruments have given life to the Spaniard's hopes of an accommodation. The villain Cromwell does it on purpose to gain time for preparations, and to keep the Spaniard from espousing our master's cause. The Levellers, who have agents in Flanders, persuade the ministers there that they will kill Cromwell, and then Spain will have peace with England. This is one great reason why the King of Spain does not join our master's interests, for Don Alonso acknowledges that the King's party in England is much stronger and more numerous than all the other factions.

It would be well to have some brief observations made on Cromwell's declarations. I can have anything here translated into French, but those on the reasons for his taxing anew all the Cavaliers and compounders should be printed in English, and sent into England.

The Swede has besieged Torne, in Prussia, defeated 500 of the Elector of Brandenburg's horse, and killed 200, so that a war in Prussia is feared. The King of Sweden has sent for all the rest of his cavalry, and those who hold crown fiefs there are to supply them again, which shows that he intends to pursue his conquest in Poland.

It is marvelled that there are no commissions in Flanders against the English ships, as Cromwell has granted 10 letters of marque against Spain, and not (as you are informed) revoked any of them.

We hear of 3 more gentlemen imprisoned in England, on some intelligence from the miscreant Manning. Cromwell finds opposition in the counties in settling taxes for raising money to maintain forces, for the peace of the country, as he pretends. Sir John Mounson, at a late meeting in Lincoln thereon, told Whalley, major-general of that shire, that he had compounded formerly at a dear rate, that the Act of Oblivion freed him, and that having ever since his commission submitted to the Government, he conceives it very unjust to demand anything from him, and that he would pay no more taxes. Thereupon he rose, and the rest of the gentlemen followed, but a troop of horse was sent after Mounson, and he was carried prisoner to his own house.

The deputies or majors in all counties proceed with rigour in assessing all compounders, and others not actually in Cromwell's service or favour.

If Mr. Stone were at the Hague, he would be put under restraint for having broken from his guards, unless his peace be made before he returns, which he is ready to do. [2¾ *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

Dec. 10. Hamburg. **13.** Maj.-Gen. Edw. Massey to Sec. Nicholas. I have little worth note to tell you. Yours gave me sorrow to think that such a villain as that Manning should be near his Majesty, and joy that his villany is found. I hope his associates at Court, if he had any, will follow. I wrote to him freely, not suspecting him, and knowing the regard in which he was held by the King and persons about him. I am glad my letter did not come to his hand, though it could not have done the King dis-service, as rather than do this, I would have both my hands cut off, and would sacrifice my life in his service. I have kept free from foreign engagements in order to serve the King, and thank him for all his favours. I pray that God may at length find out a way to make him a happy Prince over a happy people.

I daily expect to be called somewhere to employ my time, and make me useful to the King hereafter. I had hoped to serve in the Elector of Brandenburg's army in Prussia, but fear the new intended levies will come too late to maintain his station against the King of Sweden; nor can the States assist him, so that he must yield to the Swede's demands enclosed. The King of Sweden has taken Torne, one of the strongest cities of Prussia, and garrisoned it with 3,000 men, and is marching to Dantzic, from which he demands their fort royal,—the key of their city to sea-ward,—2 millions of money, and clothing for his army; it is thought the Elector will agree, and if he has his ports, Pillau and Memel free, he can lock up all Poland from commerce, and so Dantzic must submit also, and then Holland may whistle with their promised assistance to the Elector next spring, and must pay the Swede 23 or 24 per cent. customs.

I hear from a Cavalier lately come from the Swedish army that Rolt, Cromwell's envoy, with the articles of their agreement, is magnificently entertained by that King, having a coach and 6 horses to attend him, and goes the next coach to the King, and has all imaginable honour, which sticks much in my stomach, and draws me back from thoughts of serving him, if I can with good conscience find a livelihood elsewhere. I fear the King of Spain and Cromwell will not be in so good earnest as I wish, for if war were really intended, the Council of Spain must know how advantageous it would be to own the interest of our King. If I saw that, I could hope to be useful in his service. [4½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

13. I. *Note endorsed* [*by Nicholas*]. *"Conditions demanded of the Elector of Brandenburg by the King of Sweden."* [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 10. Portsmouth. **14.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to Robt. Blackborne. I observe the great business of the Jews is under consideration; I hope the Lord will direct in a matter of such concernment. If the first question should pass in the affirmative, whether a Jewish nation shall be admitted to live in this Commonwealth, I hope the next will be whether a nation shall be suffered by a law to live amongst us to blaspheme Christ.

I should be glad to come up on some business which will suffer by my absence, but will rest quiet until our business here is more out of hand. I send a note of victuals and turnery ware put on board the Cardiff and Marston Moor for the fleet. Your postscript consists of projects which will take time to discover, and money to experiment; when they have performed what they propounded, I will say they are brave fellows. Pray inform me if any news comes from Jamaica or any Spanish port, with the readiness of the ships at Chatham and the River, as also the establishment of our

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Commanders, if agreed upon. Very bad weather has retarded the works. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. **15.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners. On an order from the Protector and Council, you are to enquire whether Thos. Fuller, ironmonger, at the Ox's Hoof, near Billingsgate, Abraham Jagger, salter, Thames Street, and Isaac Lawrence, and Nich. Wild, Turkey merchants, will be sufficient sureties in 4,000*l.* for Mr. Richaut and Mr. Leat, to whom commissions of reprisal are to be granted, and certify with speed. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Hugh Peters, Peter Sterry, and ——— Bulkely, of Eton College, added to the ministers appointed to attend the Committee of Council about the proposals of Manasseh Ben Israel.

3. Confirmation of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 30*l.* a year to the minister of Shorthampton, co. Oxon. Approved 12 Dec.

7. Col. Sydenham reports from the Committee on the business of Customs the following order, to be made by the Protector and Council:—That whereas there are large accounts in the Excise books of sums unpaid by merchants and others, the Commissioners are vigorously to call them in, and to levy them according to the Acts of Parliament. The Commissioners for Appeals are to make such abatements as they think fit, and determine differences between the Commissioners of Excise and the merchants.

10. The election of the magistrates of Sandwich, Kent, having been ordered on 28 Nov. to be postponed till 24 Dec., and the Corporation having, this notwithstanding, elected a mayor, order suspending all further elections there, and the town clerk is to attend the Committee of Council to whom the petition of the jurates and common council is referred, with the charter and records.

19. Confirmation of the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers granting an augmentation of 50*l.* for carrying on the work in Stafford, the charge being very great. Approved 18 Dec.

20, 21. Like confirmation of 50*l.* to the minister of Chads, in Lichfield, formerly supplied by the Dean and chapter; and of 60*l.* to that of Richmond. Approved 18 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 412–5.]

Dec. 12. **16.** Petition of several army officers, and other well affected purchasers of most of the lands and revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the Protector. In times of danger, we hazarded life and fortune in the service, and were induced to purchase the revenues because we were to have the same remedy for gaining our rights as the late King, Queen, or Prince had. The Duchy and County Palatine were erected by Henry V., and adorned with many honours and manors, and the Duchy Court has continued since for the ease of the people, and was the only way of getting in and ordering that revenue. Its laying aside has been very prejudicial, as at common law, the lawyers quarrel with the conveyances, and purchasers lose their rights. Beg its resettlement; 15 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]
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16. i. *Request by Cornelius Vermuyden, and 3 others who follow the said business, that Thos. Fell may be ordered to sit and determine the county business next term, and may have the seal.* 5 *Dec.* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 12. **17.** Report by Lambert, Wolsley, and Jones on the above and 2 other petitions [*see* 14 Nov. 1655] concerning the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster, that they have heard the parties, and consulted counsel, and find that the jurisdiction of the Duchy and County Palatine Court ended 10 Oct. 1653, but was revived till 1 Jan. 1653–4, and Thos. Fell was appointed chancellor and seal keeper; also that he and Serjeant Bradshaw were appointed commissioners for reviving the Duchy jurisdiction, but have not sat, and requesting an order that Fell may repair to London in Hillary term, and sit to determine causes, and that the seal of the County Palatine may be returned to him for dispatch of business, but brought back to Council by 21 Jan., with Fell's answer to the matter required of him, in case he do not come to sit in person. [2½ *pages.*]

Dec. 12. Order according to the tenor of the above report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 417.]

Dec. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The information given concerning discoveries made at Allhallows referred to Jones, Wolsley, Lisle, and Montague, with power to examine witnesses and report,

2. On a letter from Capt. Pley, deputy vice-admiral of co. Devon, on examination of Chas. Altrose, skipper of the Daniel of Flushing, order for a letter to Maj.-Gen. Desborow. [*See p.* 55 *infra.*]

4. The Committee on Customs and Excise to consider the business of the goods seized at Dartmouth in the said ship, and the papers from Dartmouth read to-day, and to report.

5. The petition of Tim. Pye, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to the Committee on the seizure of 12 Dutch ships, to report.

6. The petition and papers of Wm. Billers, clerk of deliveries in the Ordnance Office in the Tower, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

7. The petition of Richard Viscount Lumley, referred by his Highness to Council, read.

8. The petition and remonstrance of Sir Rob. Fenn, late clerk controller to the late King's household, read.

9. Order—on report from the Committee on the Earl of Calendar's case [*see* 15 Nov. 1655]—that the confiscation of his estate be discharged, all sequestration taken off, his deeds and evidences, and as much of his personal estate as remains in specie restored, and the steward required to pay him as much of his last 2 years' rents as has not been accounted for to the trustees for settling the estates of excepted persons in Scotland. *Annexing,*

18. i. *Report alluded to, containing an abstract of the case. Signed by Lambert and Wolsley.* [1¾ *pages.*]

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18. II. *Earl of Calendar to Lord Lambert. My estate being useless, my debts have grown to* 10,500*l. with two years' interest, a great burden to* 800*l. a year. I beg my rents for* 1654, *so far as not paid in, and those for* 1655; *if these are seized (with what I had for relief of my engagements for the Earl of Dumfermline's debts) my condition will be no better than if still forfeited.* [1 *page.*]

18. III. *Breviate of the Earl of Calendar's estate. Rents in full* 900*l., from which the few duties and monthly assessments are to be deducted.*

Debts 10,500*l. with* 1,260*l. for* 2 *years' interest.*

The coal mine worth 100*l. a year drowned and ruined.*

The personal estate is very weak, because he was plundered, but there are evidences and writings.

For the lands of the Earl of Dumfermline which he holds in trust for payment of debts, he has agreed with the trustees for a yearly payment of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

He requests his last 2 *years' rents, since his forfeiture.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

10. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on Ralph Punn, incumbent of Cardington Vicarage, co. Bedford, an augmentation of 60*l.* a year. Approved 12 Dec.

12. Also to grant an augmentation of 60*l.* to John Wheelwright, Minister of Alford, co. Lincoln, who has a great charge of children, beside the 40*l.* already allowed.

13, 14. Confirmation of augmentations granted by the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers, of 80*l.* to the minister of Swansea, and 50*l.* to that of Neath, co. Glamorgan.

17. Sec. Thurloe, Wm. Wheeler, Edm. Waller, and Fras. Dincke of Hull added to the Commissioners for Trade. Approved 12 Dec.

18. The 400*l.* ordered 12 Oct. and 27 Nov. last to Elizabeth, widow Maj.-Gen. Heane, to be paid forthwith.

19. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 30 Nov. and 11 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 416–8.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Gen. Desborow, Maj.-General of the Western counties. Council hearing that 270 soldiers were lately embarked at Mardike in the Daniel of Flushing for Sebastian, for the King of Spain's service, and that the Daniel was by leakage forced into Tor Bay, and afterwards was seized for the State, and brought to Dartmouth, thinks fit to detain the said men, and as they cannot be so well secured at Dartmouth, you are to see them distributed to the garrisons of the West, and to give order for their maintainance [*I.* 76, *p.* 416.]

Dec $\frac{12}{22}$. Cassel. **19.** Bill for a coach ordered for the King at Cassel by the English resident at Frankfort, Sir. Wm. Curtius, $\frac{4}{14}$ Dec. Receipted at Frankfort $\frac{12}{22}$ Dec. by Jacob Jungman. [*German and English, 1½ pages, endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Dec. 12. Navy Office. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Yesterday John Bonithon came to the Treasurer's office, demanding money on a counterfeit ticket. The law will do little in such cases, notwithstanding the State's great charge in prosecution. On Monday, the notorious Timberley, though found guilty by the jury, was fined but 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for 2 tickets of above 14*l.* Unless some way is taken to strike terror, they will swarm upon us. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 12. **21, 22.** Deposition of Ben. Phinnies, clerk in the Navy Office. While casting up tickets in the Navy Treasury Office, Jno. Bonithon asked me to take in his ticket, but I refused, it being dinner time, and bade him come in the afternoon.

Deposition of Wm. Burroughs, Navy clerk, that while similarly employed, he found a counterfeit ticket, in the name of Jno. Lock, midshipman of the Bristol, whom Bonithon represented himself to be, and asked for the money.

Deposition of Thos. Child, of Deptford, that he was present at the time, and witnessed the transaction. [2 *Copies.*] *Annexing,*

22. I. *The counterfeit ticket alluded to.* [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 12. **23.** Draft notes, partly in shorthand, that Jno. Bonithon alleges that he never took a counterfeit ticket either to the Navy or Treasury Office; that he has been at sea 6 years, was formerly lieutenant of a private man-of-war, under Capt. Williams; was in the Elenor frigate, and lastly in the Taunton as a reformado, for 14 months. The Navy Commissioners to send an account of what provisions have been sent on board the Marston and 4 other ships, and Mr. Noel to certify as to those in the Success and Lion, &c. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 13. **24.** Petition of the mayor, aldermen, headboroughs, &c., of Harwich to the Protector. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers and uniting parishes have, on reference of our former petition [*see* 19 *Feb.* 1655], disunited our chapel from Dovercourt church, and we have engaged to allow a competent maintenance to Alex. Pringell, our elected minister, who is able and faithful, by a rate of 2*s.* in the pound on the houses. We beg you to maintain his election, and confirm the division, and grant that the future elections may be in the hands of the inhabitants. With note of his Highness's approval of what has been done, and reference of the petition and papers annexed to Council, to accomplish so good a work. 20 Nov. 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 13. Reference thereon by Council to Montague, Sydenham, Jones, Rous, and Skippon, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 420.]

Dec. 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Order on petition of Judith, wife of Col. Edm. Harvey, a prisoner in the Tower, that the Committee on his business concerning the Customs hasten their charge against him.

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5. To advise his Highness to send an Agent to Portugal.

6, 8. Col. Jones reports some examinations taken by the Committee on the proceedings at Allhallows, which were read, and the Committee who brought them in ordered to consider the most commodious way to suppress the Monday meeting there, and to report. The Lord Deputy of Ireland and Lord Lambert added to the Committee.

9. The same Committee to consider what should be done to prevent the inconvenience of like meetings in future, and to report.

10. To advise payment of 200*l.* from the Army Contingencies to Major Rich. Creed, who, when the late Col. Saunders' regiment was a year without colonel, was at charges in services at Gloucester and North and South Wales, in reference to the late insurrection.

11. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay Wm. Walker 400*l.* for Army Contingencies.

12. The Lord Deputy of Ireland, Lambert, Sydenham, Montague, and Strickland, to speak with Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow on to-day's debate, and report.

13. The arms now at Raby Castle belonging to the State, as well as those late of Sir Henry Vane, contracted for and bought for the State's use, to be removed and given into the charge of the governor of Tynemouth Castle; Col. Rob. Lilburne to take order for their removal, and send in to Council the charge thereof, and a list of the articles. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 419–20.]

Dec. 13. **25.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners. On an Order of Council, they are to enquire whether Hum. Beane, of Martin's vintry, merchant, Thos. Gould and David Young, of Magdalen's, Bermondsey, merchant and mariner, and Thos. Cowell, of Tower Hill, merchant, are sufficient security in 4,000*l.* for Col. Payne and Major Hawes, to whom a commission of reprisal is to be granted. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{13}{23}$. **26.** Sir Rich. Page to Sec. Nicholas. I send you Mr. Bradshaw's bond executed, with many thanks for your trouble. I wish all were so open that men of integrity should not lie under misinterpretation; but we must bear the world's censure till the Great Discoverer distinguish between the just and the faulty. I would gladly save you if I could. [1 *page. Endorsed R.* 4 *Jan.* 1655–6.]

Dec. 13. **27.** Solomon Nash to his tutor Williamson, at Edw. Norris', Lincoln's Inn. I thank you for your favour, and industry for my spiritual and temporal welfare, and regret my ingratitude in not better using my opportunities. I beg your prayers that God may bless my endeavours to his glory, and the advancement of truth. I pray that he may guide you by sea and land. [1½ *pages.*]

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Navy Office. **28.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send you the result of our thoughts for the encouragement of

midshipmen, as through partiality and private interest, the true interest of the State may be abused.

We ordered a survey of the Wren Pink, and received a return from the master shipwright that she is not worth repairing. As several of the Flemish ships at Woolwich are in like condition, we desire orders for their disposal, to save the excessive spoil of ground tackle required for their security. We find you are changing the boatswains and other officers of several ships, but hope you will speedily put others in their room, so that the stores may be secured and the works on the ships dispatched. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Note that the captains be instructed not to enter any but able mariners, fit to navigate, or capable of discharging the duties of gunner or boatswain, and not under* 21 *years of age; and that the chief commanders of the squadrons inspect and approve of those for their own squadrons.* [½ *page.*]

Dec. 14. Ordnance Office. **29.** Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Commissioners. The broken iron ordnance and shot amounts to 79 tons. The price of broken iron ordnance last sold by the Commissioners of Survey was 3*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* a ton, and 3*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* a ton for broken shot; but we cannot certify what more may be advanced upon sale by the candle. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 14. Ordnance Office. **30.** Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Commissioners. The powder now in the stores was all received from Gen. Blake and Gen. Penn's fleet, except 300 barrels. None of the new powder received from the makers has been found decayed. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 14. Ordnance Office. **31.** Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Commissioners. We never received any orders to take care that the powder makers should be obliged to the State as to the duration of their powder, beyond that they are to make it tower proof. We have not tried how long it will retain its strength, not having had any great quantity beforehand, until within the last two years; but we conceive it will retain its strength 20 years, if kept dry and the casks tight. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 15. Portsmouth. **32.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for remembering Mr. Country; I have no relation to him beyond pity. As to Robt. Neale, if I can be instrumental in presenting persons anyways fit for service, and do good to such persons, I have my end. I have your full relation of what passed last Wednesday about the Jews. I know not but Mr. Peters came as near as some others in his advice. It is a business of no small concern; they are a people to whom many glorious promises are made, but they are as full of blasphemy as any under the sun; a self seeking generation, and those who are the greatest sticklers mind little but their own accommodation; and whether they can prove themselves Jews is a question to me.

We are making all haste with the works, and hope to be ready in a fit time. The Hampshire has come in, the Tiger is tallowed,

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and 3 others sheathed, and three more will be ready next week. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. Portsmouth. **33.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for your large letter about the Jews, by which I perceive there are workings of the heart to know God's mind in a business of such consequence. I hope it is in truth, and that the Lord will appear so as that their table may not prove our snare. I see cause to fall in with Mr. Peters again, especially with the latter part of his discourse, for there may be just grounds to question whether they be Jews; and it may be observed that some of them have made but little conscience of their own principles. What is to be done about the men of the Hampshire, who have been landed in the town suffering from the smallpox, brought on from want of clothes, of which they are quite destitute? I want copies of the Instructions to Captains and Pursers for distribution.

P.S.—How are our 40 ships provided with commanders? [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. Ordnance Office. **34.** Rules by the Ordnance officers to be observed by gunners of the State's ships and frigates, for the better regulating of their accounts.

When their ship is appointed for sea, to give notice to the Ordnance officers when it will be ready to take in their stores, so as to prevent the demurrage of hoys, by its not being ready to receive them.

To keep a clear and full monthly account of all great ordnance fired by salute or otherwise during the voyage, mentioning the nature and number of the ordnance, and the day they were fired.

Also of all collars of bandoleers spent in exercising, keeping watch, or otherwise.

Also of the expenditure or loss of round shot of all natures, and likewise every particular mentioned in their indenture.

No powder or other stores to be delivered for ships but by order under the captain's hand, and a receipt taken from the consignees, that they may be charged therewith on passing their accounts.

If any powder be wasted or damnified by wet, through leakage or other casualty, the captain is to certify the loss on the gunner's account, that it may be allowed.

The captain is to certify what powder is spent in priming for the whole voyage, and what he judges may be wasted in filling cartridges.

An account is to be kept of all stores received at sea from any ships, or in any other place, for additional supplies, to be certified by the captain at the end of the gunners' accounts, so that they may be charged therewith. On the return of any ships from sea, the gunner is to give notice to the Ordnance officers at the Tower for all that come to Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, or to the storekeeper at Portsmouth for such as come in there, that their remains may be taken before the men are paid off. [2½ *pages.*]

Dec. 17. **35.** Note that Capel said that after showing Cord the letter of Attorney from Raymans, Cord was always pressing him to prosecute the suit against Hill of Rochester, and offered to lend him 5*l.* to do so, and when he told Cord he was fearful he should run into danger thereby, Hill being employed in the service of the State, he replied he did not care a straw for them. Tovey, the Attorney, has had for the last 5 terms from 30*s.* to 2*l.* a term for the suit, and Cord had 10*s.* of him. With shorthand note that Cord is to be responsible for the damage touching Hill. [½ *page.*]

Dec. [17]. **36.** Statement of the Attorney in the case Raymans against Hill. In Trinity Term 1654, the Plaintiff brought an action of Trover in the office of Pleas of the Exchequer, for tobacco and other goods wrongfully taken from him by the Defendant. In Michaelmas Term 1654, the Defendant pleaded not guilty, and on that issue, the cause was brought down that term before Thorpe, a Baron of the Exchequer, at Guildhall, London; when the Defendant informing the Baron by petition that his witnesses were not ready, the cause, by the request of the Baron and consent of the Plaintiff, was referred to arbitration, but nothing was done, and so the business rested until Michaelmas term 1655, when the record was brought down again before Lord Chief Baron Steele at Guildhall. After evidence had been fully heard on both sides, the Lord Chief Baron moved that the matter in difference might be referred to the two foremen of the jury on the cause, which was done by consent of both parties, and the jury were to deliver their opinion thereon within a week; but both parties not meeting before the said jurymen, nothing was done. Thereupon the defendant, at the last sitting of the Lord Chief Baron, being on 1 Dec. last, brought down the cause by proviso to be tried, but the Plaintiff having no notice, nor being ready to attend the trial, the Lord Chief Baron referred it back to the two foremen, before whom it yet remains. I was retained for the Plaintiff by Mr. Cord, a solicitor, and Mr. Capel, who has a letter of attorney from the Plaintiff, beyond seas, to prosecute on his behalf. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 17. London. Levant Company to Geo. Baker, treasurer, and the factory at Aleppo. We approve your election of Baker as treasurer, and request punctual collection of our dues, especially upon the Golden Fleece, which has just sailed hence. Mr. Vincent will send a list of the goods entered here, that if any have escaped payment, you may collect the 2½ dollars per cloth, besides the consulage. We are confident of your concurrence. I hope you will avoid divisions among yourselves or with the Consul. Rob. Frampton comes as your minister, and is to have 400 dollars a year, and his diet in the Consul's house as usual.

The Golden Fleece, having some goods for Leghorn, could not take all the cloth; the Ann Bonadventure will take the rest to Leghorn, and there deliver it to the Golden Fleece. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 257.]

Dec. 17. London. Levant Company to Rich. Lawrence, Constantinople. We wonder you insist on a call from the State for your return, since you were never introduced into the employment you were designed for, which was in our interest; only we shall not continue your allowance,

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and we expressly order your return, unless your own business detains you. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 258.]

Dec. 18. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, Consul at Aleppo. We recommend Rob. Frampton, your minister, who is now setting sail to you. The more we know him, the more we are satisfied of your contentment under his ministry. He brings several books which we have provided on notice of your great want, and which are to remain for succeeding ministers. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 256.]

Dec. 18. **37.** Petition of Ant. Fernandez Caravajal, merchant and free denizen of this Commonwealth, to the Protector. I have most of my estate in the Canary Islands, and to recover it, have hired the Seafortune of Dover; I filled it with Hollanders, in confidence that my factor there will procure lading, and prevent its being seized or embargoed as belonging to English subjects; to save it, I have ordered him to consign all the lading to merchants in Amsterdam, though it is really mine, and is to come direct for London. I hope you will approve my purpose, and order your men-of-war to assist the ship, the rather as, since you made me a denizen, I have declined obedience to the King of Spain, which the late Spanish Ambassador noticed, and therefore, in case of seizure, I can expect no better measure than an English subject. I beg an order that my ship may come safe to this port without interruption. With reference to Council 9 Nov. 55. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 18. Reference thereon by Council to Jones, Strickland, Lambert, and Rous, to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 421.]

Dec. 18. Note of a petition of Nich. Cockayne, to be heard upon the difference between him, Mr. Duncombe, and Mr. Meade, concerning the rectory of Great Brickhill.

Also of a petition of John Duncombe that his title to the said presentation may not be prejudiced. [*I.* 92, *No.* 515.]

Dec. 18. Order on report on the business of Mead and John Duncombe [*see* 27 Nov. 1655], that Meade preach at Great Brickhill without interruption, till the business is settled. Approved 19 Dec. [*I.* 76, *p.* 422.] *Annexing,*

> **38.** *Report alluded to, that Duncombe was in arms for the late King, but not being sequestrated, was pardoned by the Act of Oblivion; that he is an enemy to the honest party, and will present any rather than Mead, who is endeared to the people by his pains and piety, and they petition for him, but Duncombe has obtained a verdict against him. Also that Mead should preach till the case is settled. Signed by Strickland and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

> **38.** I. *State of the case that Thos. Duncombe, as patron, granted the next presentation to Nich. Cockayne, in reversion after Fras. Charlett, who died April* 1653. *That Duncombe dying, his son and heir John presented, though incapacitated by the grant to Cockayne, and his own delinquency. That Cockayne not presenting within* 6 *months, the pre-*

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sentation devolved by lapse to the Great Seal, and in Jan. 1653–4 was given to Mead. He is sued by Cockayne, and gets a new title from his Highness, but cannot get an instrument of approbation, because of caveats entered against the title. He requests settlement in the rectory, as earnestly desired by the godly there, having spent 200l. in suits, and preached 3 years already. [1 *page.*]

38. II. *Grant by Thos. Duncombe of the first advowson of the said rectory to John Duncombe, Wm. Gilpin, and Nich. Cockayne. 29 April 1629.* [*Copy, Latin; ½ page.*]

Dec. 18. **39.** Petition of Thos. Smithsby, John Blackwell, Nich. Bond, John Smith, and John Embree, servants of the late King and Prince, to the Protector, for a Privy Seal for payment of the debts due to them, according to an Order of Council. To the same effect as that of 28 April 1654. [½ *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 328.]

Dec. 18. Order thereon in Council that, for the present, the petition be laid aside. [*I.* 76, *p.* 424.]

Dec. 18. **40.** Petition of Thos. White, Major of Major-General Fortescue's Regiment, to the Protector. Has faithfully served since 1648. When the army set forth for the West Indies, left Col. Goffes' regiment, and went with it, where, in an encounter with two of the enemy, he was dangerously wounded in Jamaica. By request of the council of officers, had leave from General Venables to return home, where he has been chiefly under the surgeon's hands. Is now reasonably recovered, and intends for foreign service. Begs a small sum to set him forth, on account of his pay due. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 18. Order thereon in Council, advising payment to him of 50*l.* from the Army Contingencies. [*I.* 76, *p.* 424.]

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Dec. 18. 1. **41.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Lady Mary Darcy (*See* 5 March 1655), that she have one third the value of the 11 bars of silver, and that the rest be paid into the Exchequer. *Annexing,*

41. I. *Report alluded to, that Ald Frederick, wanting a vessel for Newfoundland, ordered the Anne to be bought, and gave 390l. for it, at Plymouth, some present at the sale bidding very high for it, knowing, as he thinks, of the silver. After repairs, the ship made but one voyage to Alicant and back to London, and being leaky, was cast away in her next voyage to Dartmouth, at Birling, Sussex, when 13 little bars of silver were found, two of which were taken by force by the country people, and the other 11 with difficulty saved, and carried to a house at Lewes for security. Ald. Frederick sending to Lewes for the silver, it was refused, whereon he consulted with [Dan.] Budd, his Highness's Proctor, who said that though the silver belonged to the State, he could give him a warrant to receive it, which he did, and the value, charges deducted, is 252l. 7s. 8d.*

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Budd thereon informed Col. Cork, and he the Protector. The silver we conceive to belong to the State. 5 *June* 1655. [1 *page.*]

41. II. *Case of Ald. John Frederick. Account of the purchase of the ship, formerly the Mary of St. Malo. Spent* 194*l.* 19*s.* 4*d. on her repairs, and she made but one voyage. Has taken out warrants to recover the two bars that were stolen. Mr. Porter, tenant of Birling manor house, and deputy to the lord of the manor, refused to secure the silver, therefore a horse and guide had to be hired to take it to Lewes, and meanwhile much of the ship's provisions that might otherwise have been saved were lost, being left to the mercy of the country; yet Porter, though refusing any help, claimed the best anchor and cable. With other details given in the report.* [1 *page.*]

41. III. *Draft of the above.* [2 *pages.*]

2. The petitions of the master, wardens, and commonalty of the mystery of cordwinders of London; of the master, wardens, and fellowship of the cordwinders of Bristol; and of the shoemakers in the town and county of Leicester, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

3. The Earl of Calendar standing bound to return to Scotland by a certain day, and being unable to do it on account of his attendance on Council for a business requiring further time, order that he have liberty to return by this day 6 weeks, and that no advantage be taken of his sureties meantime.

8. The petition of Wm. Barker and Adam Walker, citizens of London, and Wm. Portington, of London, concerning felons and vagrants, and a report from the Mayor of London, Mr. Recorder, and the presidents of the 4 hospitals, read.

9. Order confirming that of 27 Nov. for release of the Marquis of Argyle from prosecution by the Countess of Dirleton, she enjoined to release her arrest, and the bailiffs of Westminster ordered to deliver up the bail bonds given by him for his appearance. Approved 19 Dec.

11. Order on report of the Committee on the petition of the clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal [*see* 19 Sept. 1655], that each of the 4 clerks of the said offices should have 150*l.* a year, and that the fees in a list subjoined, varying from 2*l.* to 3*s.* 4*d.* on the sealing of documents, should be permitted. *Annexing,*

42. *Report alluded to, signed by Mulgrave, Lisle, and Wolsley, advising* 100*l. a year to each clerk, but to be increased, if needful, so that with fees, each clerk should receive* 200*l. a year.* [1 *page.*]

13. Order on report from the Committee on the Patriarch Jacob of Amsterdam, seized by Capt. Saunders of the Tiger, between Amsterdam and Rouen, that the ship and appurtenances be

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discharged, and the Admiralty judges give order to all concerned. Approved 19 Dec.

14. Thos. Ball, master of music, to have leave to teach music in and about London and Westminster, and to reside there, the late instructions notwithstanding.

16. Order on petition of Sir Rich. Willis, prisoner at Lyme, that he have leave to go beyond seas, on security not to return without licence.

17. Order—on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, prisoner in the Tower, that the Committee on his business examine him on the matters before them touching customs to-morrow. The Lieutenant of the Tower to send or bring him in safe custody; also to send for a physician to certify his condition, as he is said to be sick.

18. A paper entitled the Earl of Sussex's case read.

19. The Committee of Council on the distressed Protestants of Piedmont to communicate to the Committee for management of the collection for them a letter to the Protector now read, of 27 Nov., from the syndic and council of Geneva, and to report. Montague, Wolsley, and Lisle added to the Committee.

20. To-morrow and in future Council to meet at 9 a.m. and rise at 12.

22. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of 11 and 12 Dec. [*I.* 76. *p.* 422–24.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill, President of Council in Scotland. Wm. Pennoyer, merchant, has applied for relief touching the William of London and her lading. Council refers the case to you and your Council, to determine it according to justice, but recommending convenient expedition. [*I.* 76. *p.* 421.] *Annexing,*

> **43.** *Report on the case, that the vessel returning from the West Indies with tobacco, elephants' teeth, &c., value* 1,800*l., and arriving in the Clyde, near Dumbarton, the goods were carried away by fraud into cellars at Glasgow, belonging to Rob. Stuart and Colin Campbell. Proceedings were taken in Scotland, but were interrupted by the wars. It was then referred to the English judges, whose opinions were divided* [*see* 25 *Sept., supra*] *and to several Parliaments which were dissolved, and it should be referred to the Council in London.* [1 *page.*].

Dec. 19. **44.** Petition of Alexander, Earl of Kellie, to the Protector. I have most willingly embraced your leave to go over sea, but I cannot undertake the journey in the meanest capacity on what you allowed me for it, as I must discharge myself here. There is still a large sum due to me on my allowance. Pray give me such an addition to it as will enable me to leave your dominions, and seek a fortune in some place where Providence may make me live like a gentleman. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 19. **45.** Petition of [John] Viscount Grandison to the Protector. I have received your act of grace for my deliverance from long imprisonment, and for 50*l.* for my transportation; but that sum will hardly

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set me free from this place [Isle of Wight], therefore I beg an augmentation. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 19. Order on the above 2 petitions to request his Highness to grant to each petitioner 50*l.* beside the 50*l.* ordered them 30 Aug. 1655. [*I.* 76. *p.* 424.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Patent by the Protector for Wm. Cutler and George Blake, gentlemen of London, to be surveyors of the subordinate officers of the customs and excise in England, Wales, and Berwick on Tweed, to discover all frauds, defects, and neglects of them, or of merchants, exporters or importers, traders, or dealers in customable goods, and give an account to the Protector, Council, or the Committee for regulating excise and customs; to seize all goods delivered contrary to the laws and ordinances for customs and excise, and to execute any further directions. [*I.* 76*A*, *p.* 190; *I.* 76, *p.* 425.]

[Dec. 19.] **46.** Peter Cole to the Council at Whitehall. I send a certificate how long my vessel, the Fraternity ketch, was in the State's service before she could be allowed to go for New England, and since her departure, she has been a month at Cowes, to my great loss. I beg an order for damages, having several times waited an answer. 8 Nov. 1655. With certificate by John Gardner, master, and 3 passengers, that the vessel, bound for Boston, lay in the Downs from 26 Sept. to 3 Oct. before the State's letters came aboard, at a charge of 50*s.* a day.—Downs, 8 Oct. 1655.

Dec. 19. **47—49.** Order thereon for the payment of the 50*s.* a day demurrage whilst the vessel was waiting to receive Mr. Gookin, who was bound to New England on the Commonwealth service. [3 *copies; also I.* 76, *p.* 426.]

[Dec. 19.] **50.** List of "friends" [Quakers] in co. Northampton fit to rule for God, with particulars of their characters and estates, viz., Thomas Allen, of Dingley, John Makernes of Thingdon, Wm. Souill of Hardingstone.

Names of those who do not persecute, but are loving to "friends"—Adam Baines of Holmby, Thos. Bletsoe of Addington, Fras. Cook of Kingsthorp, Mr. Knightly, member in the last Parliament, Wm. Raynsborrow of Higham Park, whose brother was murdered, Hen. Benson, sheriff of the county, and Thos. Nottingham.

Also list of those now in commission who have all along given the power unto the Beast, and have fought with the Lamb, and to this day think they do God service in imprisoning His servants, &c.,—

Wm. Butler of Oundle, John Broune of Kettering, John Farmer of Daventry, Geo. Benson of Tossiter, Jno. Mansill of Thorpe, and his son, Fras. Harvey of Weston, Wm. Ward of Houghton, Jno. Norton of Cotterstock, John Thornton, and Robert Guy, clerk of the peace; with instances of their persecutions of Quakers. [1 *sheet. Endorsed with* 19 *signatures.*]

Dec. 19. Order in Council that Pickering signify to Butler, Major-General [for cos. Northampton, Bedford, Rutland, and Hunts] his Highness's

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pleasure for release of some imprisoned Quakers, according to a letter this day read. [*I.* 76, *p.* 426.]

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5. Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners offering that 1,200 land soldiers may be distributed among the ships preparing for the State's service,—that 2,000 be so distributed, and be ready to go on board in such proportions as the said Commissioners shall direct. Lord Lambert and the Lord Deputy of Ireland to consider how this may best be done.

6. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the sale of several small brass guns mentioned in an annexed list, being certified as unserviceable, read.

51. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners,—showing the want of faithful ministers to serve in the fleet, and the inconsiderableness of the maintenance formerly given to navy ministers, arising only by a defalcation of 4*d.* a month from each seaman's wages, amounting now to not much above 40*l.* a-year on an average of the ships,—that an allowance not exceeding 100*l.* a year each be given to such of 20 ministers proposed as the Commissioners for approbation of ministers certify as fit.

8. To advise payment to Fras. Hodges, treasurer of the assignations for officers and soldiers in America of 2,000*l.*, to be paid to their wives and assignees, by orders of Hodges, Bowes, and Creed.

12. Pickering to signify to Maj.-Gen. Butler his Highness's pleasure for release of some Quakers imprisoned, according to the substance of a letter read to-day.

13. The Treasury Commissioners and Lord Lambert to compute the customs and excise for a parcel of lead which the French ambassador wishes to export free for his master's service.

16. The Savoy business to be considered to-morrow.

17. Order on report on the petition of the Mayor, &c., of Harwich [*See* 13 Dec. 1655] confirming the judgment of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers thereon, of 8 Nov. 1655. *Annexing,*

52. *Report alluded to, signed by Montague and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

52. I. *Order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers alluded to,—considering that Dovercourt is more than* 1¾ *miles from Harwich, and the ways very dirty in winter, and that Dovercourt vicarage is of* 25*l. a year value; also on hearing the petition of the mayor, &c., of Harwich, and of Thos. Tookey, minister of Dovercourt, and considering that the Harwich people undertake to provide for their minister without charge to the public,—that they be distinct parishes, but that the minister of Harwich be presented by the patron of Dovercourt.* 6 *signatures.* 8 *Nov.* 1655. [*Copy,* 1½ *sheets.*]

18. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of 18 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 424–7.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. The Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners. According to an order in Council of 8 Nov. last, you are to assign trees in Somersham

Park, reserved for the State, to the value of 300*l.*, for the building of Clare Hall, Cambridge University, and deliver them to the nominees of the master and wardens. [*I.* 113, *p.* 260.]

Dec. 19. Navy Office. **53.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commssioners. We have made the best enquiry we could to learn the sufficiency of Thos. Fuller and Abr. Jagger as securities for 4000*l.*; also of Isaac Lawrence and Nich. Wild, and of Hum. Beane, Thos. Gould, David Young, and Thomas Cowell, for the like sum; but as men's judgments are so various therein, we cannot give any opinion, but leave the further consideration thereof to you. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 20. **54.** Petition of Joan, Countess of Kildare, to his Highness's Council. Thanks for relief given in the greatest straits to her and 6 small children. Has a warrant to Ald. Walley, of Chester, for 30*l.*, which she cannot obtain, because he has given up his accounts and quitted his employment. Begs an order for payment by Capt. Whitworth or some other employed in Walley's place, and a pass for transporting herself and family to Ireland, whence she hopes not again to trouble them. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Warrant thereon by Council for payment of the 30*l.*, besides the 120*l.* already ordered her from Council's contingencies, to defray the transport of the countess and her children to Ireland. [*I.* 105, *p.* 184; *I.* 76, *p.* 382.]

Dec. 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. Council to meet this afternoon, and a summons to be sent them in that behalf.

4. Order—on report from the Committee on the French ambassador's desire to export some lead custom free, that the customs and excise on 8,000 cwt. of lead, if exported by natives, is 533*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and if by strangers, 933*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—that the ambassador have leave to export it duty free.

5. A warrant of May 30, 1655, to Frost, for payment of 150*l.* out of the Council's contingencies to Geo. Vaux, as housekeeper and cleaner of passages in Whitehall for a year, to be signed.

6. **54a.** The Army Committee empowered to issue warrants to the War Treasurers to issue 30,000*l.* for the forces in Ireland, and send it in wagons to Chester, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a ship to transport it at once.

7. The Irish Committee to learn the state of the arrears due to the Irish forces, and to give advice about a future supply.

10. The petition of Col. Harvey to be read on Tuesday.

11. On report from the Committee for Scotland, order that Simons, the engraver, engrave a great seal, a privy seal, and a quarter seal for Scotland.

12. Confirmation of augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 50*l.* a-year to the minister of Gravesend. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 427–9.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj-Gen. Berry. A warrant has been brought in to Council, signed by Griffith Jones, Griffith Williams, and Edm. Glynn, 3 Justices of the Peace for co. Carnarvon, grounded on his Highness's proclamation for executing the laws against Jesuits and for conviction of Popish recusants, on which warrant several honest people have been troubled, as it summons all who have not received the Sacrament for a year, and are over 21 years of age, [or are suspected to be popishly affected], to appear before the Justices of the Peace on Dec. 4 at the Shire Hall, Carnarvon, whereby the proclamation is perverted. Council therefore refers the matter to you, to prevent further trouble to conscientious people, and to receive their complaints. [*I.* 76, *p.* 428.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council of Scotland. A Great Seal is ordered for Scotland, but Council wants to know to what uses it is to be applied, that they may prepare instructions accordingly, and an account must be returned of every occasion on which it is used, that care may be taken for consistency between such things as pass the Great Seal of England and Scotland. [*I.* 76, *p.* 429.]

Dec. 21. **55.** Petition of Rich. Chambers, merchant, late alderman and sheriff of London, to the Protector. In 1628 and 1629 I had 7,060*l.* unjustly taken from me, for maintaining the rights of Parliament, and I suffered 6 years' imprisonment, for which in 1642 they voted me 13,680*l.* out of the 165,000*l.* received from the old farmers of customs for their delinquency. I was then chosen alderman, and in 1644 sheriff, which I wished to decline, but Parliament pressed me to hold the place, to the expense of 4,000*l.* My payment being put off, through urgent occasions for money, in 1648 I was made surveyor and check in the Custom House,—an office then worth 600*l.* a year,—which I held 8 months, and was then put out, on a general remove of the officers.

The late King owed me and my wife 5,000*l.* on privy seal, and 1,250*l.* for linen cloth, which was to be paid by 100 marks a year from Sir Thos. Dawes' office of the customs of tobacco. I am aged and wearied out by 14 years' fruitless attendance, during which I have served in person, and lent 580*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* on public faith, and I have to mortgage my estate to support my wife and 9 children. I beg to serve as a commissioner of customs, a place I once held for 2 years. Noted as delivered to the Protector 19 Dec. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 21. **56.** Petition of Rich. Chambers to Council, to assist his Highness in relieving his present condition. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 21. **57.** Reference thereon to the Commissioners to whom the business of customs is referred, to report. Mr. Strickland to take care thereof. [¾ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 430.]

Dec. 21. **58.** Proposal addressed by Chambers to the said Commissioners :—

1. To consider my long sufferings, and find a way for my relief.
2. To report your opinions to Council.
3. To help me to some part of the sum voted me by Parliament.
4. To accept me as a commissioner for customs at the Port of London. [⅔ *page.*]

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Dec. 21. **59.** Petition of the Earl-Marshal of Scotland to the Protector. You allowed me liberty for a month to recover my health, but the time is almost expired, and my sickness, through the rigour of the weather, is still dangerous. I beg release on bail, or extension of my liberty, that my distemper may be cured by the better season of the year. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 21. Order thereon in Council for the extension of his liberty another month on the former terms. [*I.* 76, *p.* 430.]

Dec. 21. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. The Swedish papers to be considered next Tuesday.

4. The petition of Sir Wm. Harvey, not to be concluded under delinquency till further examination of his case, referred to Major Haynes, and the Commissioners appointed to execute instructions for securing peace in co. Suffolk, to examine and report.

5. The Irish Committee to consider what was debated to-day concerning prisoners, and to report.

6. To advise a warrant for 200*l.* to Col. Cooper, for his journey to Ireland on the State's service. Approved in person.

7. The Lord-Deputy of Ireland to give commissions and instructions to Col. Cooper.

8. The Committee of Council for examining passages at Allhallows to meet this afternoon. The Lord-Deputy of Ireland, Pickering, Fiennes, and Strickland, added thereto.

11. Ed. Cooke, of Field Place, Rich. Knowles, of Waterfeild, Geo. Edmunds, Thos. Ballard, Geo. Taylor, and the Mayor of Arundel, added to the Commissioners for Assessments in Sussex. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 430–1.]

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London.

Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Thanks for your care in the late Tunis business. We depend on your future watchfulness in preserving the privileges of the nation, and our estates from question on this account.

We have ordered Mr. Lawrence's return, as he cannot contribute to our affairs by his stay. His scruple of expecting a call from the State is needless and irrational. [*Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 258.]

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Brussels.

60. Sir Hen. Langdale to Sec. Nicholas, Cologne. The design I mentioned to you was that of the Levellers. I fear there are curious eyes over me here, because it is observed that I receive weekly letters from you; I have been asked captious questions, which makes me more cautious in writing, and I have little worth troubling you about.

The Spaniard continues on his slow pace towards our King. It is thought Cromwell will patch up a trade-peace. Marquis Barrière is ordered to continue in London. It is said the Swiss will soon rise, and the French Hugenots with them. I wish all this fair show may not end in a war with Holland, because Cromwell is preparing flat-bottomed boats, and small frigates, which cannot be for the Indies, and the French will not let him take any places in this country. I hear of no vessels taken on either side. If you have no better hopes from hence than I send you, it is high time to look somewhere else, both for the King and the Levellers. If there could be any means to unite that party to his Majesty, it would be a better foundation than any I hear of, and to begin only with the King's party will but make a second part of an ill tragedy; but the Levellers here are kept secret, and not to be spoken with. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 24. **60a.** T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]. In the enclosed letter, Dick the surgeon has sent all he has to say about Halsey, who is the person he names as my companion in a dangerous sea voyage. I hope you now have the character (cypher) from Mr. Lane to understand the rest, but you will not find in it the word Glasier, which I think is put for Massey. Dick waits your answer in London. I am sorry you have no more satisfaction from my thumb friend; he wishes me to forbear writing till I hear from him. His friends will be brought to no reason till they see which way Spain inclines, and our master is disposed. The panic fear which now involves the whole nation has entered the most generous breasts. If my friend make not good what he promised, I hope it will not be imputed to me, who will never waive hazard to testify my integrity. If you send an agent to England, let him visit my friend by that token of taking him by the thumb, that you may learn what can be done, for persons are not so much feared as letters.

I find from England that the oath that is to be imposed is extremely feared, and it is thought will destroy our friends like a massacre. The lieutenants are very severe in exacting the tenths, and every gentleman must give in the number of his servants, and security for their deportment, so that all show of liberty is lost; I pray that the sense and memory of it be not lost too, if they be long used to the burden. Endorsed by Nicholas. Received 9 Jan. 165$\frac{5}{6}$, sends me a letter he had from Mr. Lipe. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Note of a petition of the inhabitants of Bromyard market town co. Hereford, for an addition of 3 fair days, the toll to be yearly distributed to the poor of the parish. Referred by Council to the Attorney and Solicitor-General. [*I.* 92, *p.* 284.]

Dec. 25. **60b.** Order in Council that the petitioners be at liberty to sue out a writ of *ad quod damnum,* that on its return the fairs may be granted. [*Also, I.* 76, *p.* 432.]

Dec. 25. **61.** Petition of the sons and executors of Sir Peter Richaut to the Admiralty Commissioners, for dispatch of their letters of reprisal granted by his Highness and Council, and only wanting the security to be taken. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 25. Order in Council that Mulgrave, Wolsley, Jones, Sydenham, and Fiennes, consider this petition about a stop of passing their securities in the Admiralty Court on their letters of reprisal, advise the Admiralty Commissioners how the business may be accommodated, and report. [*I.* 76. *p.* 432.]

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Dec. 25. Whitehall. **63.** Reference thereon in Council to Jones, Strickland, Mulgrave, Pickering, and Wolsley, to report. [1 *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 435.]

Dec. 25. Additional instructions to the Major-Generals and Commissioners of the respective counties and cities, appointed to execute the orders for securing the peace of the Commonwealth:—

> You are to find out what moneys collected for the public service on any Act or Ordinance remain undisposed of, and require that the persons holding them pay them in to your nominee, whose receipt shall be suficient discharge therefor. Read and passed in Council. [*I.* 76. *p.* 438.]

[Dec. 25.] **64.** Petition of James, Earl of Northampton, to the Protector. Upon my release from my late confinement in London, I entered into a bond for compliance with the present Government, and for my appearance from time to time, which your Highness ordered to be taken for one year only. Yet Major Butler has summoned me to enter into new bonds, with sureties, without any limitation of time, which will tend to my ruin, I being much indebted, my estate charged with mortgages and annuities, and my brothers' and sisters' portions yet unpaid. By the late Act for regulating the Chancery, no relief is to be had against forfeited bonds and mortgages after such a time. Having this recognizance as a perpetual incumbrance on my estate, I cannot raise moneys by sale of lands. I therefore beg you to order Major Butler to accept a bond from me to continue in force for one year, and that the old bond may be cancelled. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Whitehall. **65.** Council to Major-Gen. Wm. Butler. Some matters being represented as from you about the Earl of Northampton, you are to proceed in his case in accordance to the instructions formerly given you. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 439.]

Dec. 25. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Confirmation of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 50*l.* a year to Winchcombe Vicarage, co. Gloucester, from Leamington Rectory. Approved 27 Dec.

2. The petition of Richard, Earl of Cork referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

3. Gen. Monk's letter of Dec. 4, asking for 500 barrels of musket shot, 300 spades, 100 pickaxes, and 400 shovels, to be speedily sent him in Scotland, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give order, if they judge fit.

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5. The petition and papers of Rich. Master, of Langdon, co. Kent, referred to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and the Commissioners to execute instructions for securing peace in Kent, to relieve him if his petition be found true, and to report.

6. The reference ordered last Friday on Sir Wm. Harvey's case to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Suffolk is to be to them or either of them, and the order lately passed to be amended accordingly.

10. The Committee for adding fresh names to the Commissioners for ejecting Scandalous Ministers, to report next Thursday.

11. Order on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, prisoner in the Tower, that the Committee on his business speedily speak with his Highness' counsel learned, and report.

12. Order agreeing to the following report on the petition of the Lord-Deputy of Ireland. [*See* 4 *Sept.* 1655.]

13. That Armingland and Heydon manors, Norfolk, and Wyssett le Rose, Suffolk, were settled on Chas. Fleetwood, now Lord-Deputy, and Frances his wife, by Act of 16 July 1651, after the death of Sir Ralph Hopton without issue male. That a few months after Fleetwood's purchase of Sir Ralph's interest therein, from the Drury House Trustees, Sir Ralph died, and they reverted to Fleetwood, so that he had to pay 7 years' purchase for but 7 months' enjoyment. That they were much overvalued in the survey, so that the one moiety is almost their real value. That Fleetwood is therefore fully discharged from payment of the second moiety, and his recognizances for payment thereof are to be delivered up to him. Approved 29 Dec.

66. *Report alluded to, signed by Sydenham, Wolsley, and Pickering.* [1 *page.*]

14. Cornet John Baines to pay to the sole administrator of the late Col. Thos. Horton the 1,405*l.* ordered him by the Ordinance of 31 July 1654, which was to be paid to Thos. Horton, the son, or the administrators, in discharge of all arrears.

15. Order on report from the Committee on Clem. Kinnersley's proposals,—that on account of his charges in his office here at Hampton Court, he should have 600*l.* a year, of which 100*l.* to be instead of the diet he proposed, to begin from Feb. 21, 1653–4 when he was appointed, and he to perform the services mentioned in the annexed papers—that his Highness be desired to pass a patent under the Great Seal for the said salary.

18. The letters from Major Haynes and other Commissioners for Essex, of 14 and 21 Dec., from the Commissioners in co. Dorset of 20 Dec, and from those at Coventry of 21 Dec., referred to the Committee on the letters from Majors-General, who are to meet this afternoon and report.

21. The following augmentations to ministers, presented by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, approved:—

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Devon	Thorverton	20	0	0
	Tamerton Folcatt	23	6	8
	Bucklington	26	19	7

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		£	*s.*	*d.*
Gloucester	Twining	34	0	0
	Tewksbury	25	1	8
Somerset	Weston Zoiland	40	0	0
	Middlesoy	20	0	0
	Chewstoke	33	6	8
	Keynsham	30	0	0
Wilts	Britford	30	0	0
	Martin's in Sarum	100	0	0
	Collingborn Kingston	30	0	0
	Laverstoke	60	0	0
	Bishops Laveinton	20	0	0
	Alderbury	60	0	0
	Downton	30	0	0
Cornwall	Foy	50	0	0
	Myler	50	0	0
	Truro, beside the 25*l.* a year settled on him	15	0	0
Devon	Broad Henbury	30	0	0
	Broadminch	30	0	0
	Buckares	16	0	0
	Buckstone	10	0	0
	Plymton Maurice	30	0	0
	Wembury	20	0	0
	Totnes	30	0	0
	Ipplepen	46	16	2
Dorset	Netherbury	40	0	0
	Burstock	15	0	0
	Poole	40	0	0
Gloucester	Norlach	11	0	0
	Cirencester	30	0	0
Somerset	Martooke	60	0	0
	Longlode Chappel	20	0	0
	Chard	30	0	0
	Bath (assistant for)	50	0	0
	James in Taunton	50	0	0
	Magdalen Peters, Taunton	50	0	0
	Ubley	35	0	0
	Wedmore	30	0	0
	Glastonbury	40	0	0
	Ilminster	23	17	4
	Nicholas, Bristol	20	0	0
Wilts	Calne	20	0	0
	Warminster	20	0	0
Cornwall	Gerrance	10	0	0
	Launceston	50	0	0
	Peran (assistant)	30	0	0
	St. Ives (schoolmaster)	30	0	0
	Bodmin	30	0	0
	Padstow	30	0	0

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		£	s.	d.
Devon	Collampton	30	0	0
	Comb Rawleigh	10	0	0
	Hewish	15	0	0
	Ugborow	15	0	0
	Hennock	20	0	0
	Luppit	30	0	0
	Beare and Seaton	28	0	0
	Bampton	20	0	0
Dorset	Cerne Abbas	38	0	0
	Long Burton	10	0	0
	Whit Church	20	0	0
Somerset	Shepton Mallett	20	0	0
	Shapwick	20	0	0
	Aiscott	20	0	0
	South Petherton	13	0	0
	Wookey	12	0	0
	Child Compton	30	0	0
	Pill	10	0	0
Wilts	Pitton and Farleigh	10	0	0
	Chippenham and Tetherton Lucas	20	0	0
	Peters in Marlborough	30	0	0
	Bishops Trow	10	0	0

22. Confirmation of augmentations by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 50*l.* to the minister of Meres Ashby, and 10*l.* to that of Earl's Barton, both co. Northampton.

27. Order on petition of Diana, relict of Capt. Martin Husbands —mentioning her husband's services, for which she has a debenture of 442*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* given by the Committee for co. Cambridge, viz., from Feb. 3, 1643–4 to April 30, 1647, being for so much respited on the public faith as half of 885*l.*, for his pay as captain of a foot company in the Isle of Ely, for which she prays a debenture from Worcester House, to be charged on the army securities,—that in satisfaction of all her demands, she be allowed an annuity of 40*l.* a year.

28. Scoutmaster-General Geo. Downing added to the Trade Committee. Approved 27 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 432–9.]

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Cologne.

Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane, an English gentleman, Youffrou Street, Hague. Ask Lieut Watts to send me a copy of the bill of exchange that he has for me, for I neither know the sum, nor to whom it is to be paid, and it imports me much. Lord Culpeper says there is a strange course taken at the Hague against Mr. Binion; his trunk and goods are arrested for a debt of 200*l.* to an Englishman in London, and he had been arrested had he been found. The debt is assigned over by his creditor to a Dutch merchant. If such a course were taken with all the King's party in France and Holland, it would be a great advantage to the Rebels, and an in-

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supportable misery to us all who are in debt. Let me know the truth, for all that good lord's intelligence is not canonical.

Dr. Fraiser, who is to wait on the Princess Royal into France, says she goes from the Hague on the 14th or 15th. I hope she will not stay long, or will not keep the doctor there long, as there is no physician here who understands anything, in case the King or the Duke of Gloucester should fall sick in the spring.

The King of Spain still hopes peace with Cromwell, and Barrière is stayed in England by the Prince of Condé for that purpose. Some say an envoy has arrived in the west of England from the King of Spain. When that King resolves to prosecute the war with Cromwell roundly, he must take our master by the hand; but only absolute necessity will make him do it.

I wonder whom Beverward means by the great spy not yet discovered among us. The Queen of England, when she leaves Paris, as by the articles with Cromwell she must do, goes to a house 2 leagues from Paris belonging to the French King, called Madrid.

I much mislike the Princess Royal's going for France, and the worse for the Princess Dowager's advising it.

Capt. John Griffith, and little Mr. Griffith, who served the Duke of Gloucester, are both forbidden the Court, on evidence that they were very intimate with Manning, though there is no evidence that they were privy to his intelligence; but they were observed to be very private with him on post days.

We think the King of Spain and the Elector are agreed by this time. I am sorry for the hard measure used towards Mr. Stone, who, on the Queen [of Bohemia's] word, came to the Hague to end his difference with Capt. La Mer, wherein her Majesty suffers much; but Stone should have avoided coming under the power that now abuses him. I doubt all English will resent this, with much prejudice to the good Queen, who was wont to be more gracious to the nation.

P.S.—My wife wishes you a happy new year, and that we may all meet in England before the next. Tell me how Mr. Somerdyke takes my writing to him. [3 *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

Dec. 26. **67.** Petition of Edw. Darcy to the Protector. Never bore arms for the late King, nor was sequestered for delinquency, only in 1644, on misinformation that he was absent from his house, the Commissioners of Surrey seized his rents; but, it appearing a mistake, took off the seizure. Has conformed to all Acts and Ordinances, and yet, on the late instructions for taxing the estates of all delinquents, has been summoned as a delinquent, and taxed at one tenth by Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and the Surrey Commissioners, who say that, as he is assessed, only his Highness and Council can relieve him. Begs the taking off the tax, and examination of his case. With reference to Council 25 Dec. 1655. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 26. Reference thereon by Council to the Major-General and Commissioners of Surrey, to proceed according to their instructions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 439.]

Dec. 26. Instructions to Thos. Dunn appointed by his Highness to be registrar in the City of London :—

You are to attend 4 hours daily, from 9 to 11 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m., except the Lord's day and fast days.

You are to provide books, and enter alphabetically the lists of names and addresses returned to you by the Majors-General.

When any persons appear in pursuance of the instructions given to the Majors-General, you are to enter them in a separate book, with the date of appearance, the place whence they came, and where they intend to lodge in or about London, and also enter any removal in London; and if any return to the country, signify it to the Major-General of the county, with the place of their former abode, how long they have been in London, and to what place removed.

In case persons give names and addresses which you do not find in the lists given you by the Majors-General, you are to send the names and addresses to the Secretary of State.

You are to enter in a separate book all certificates of foreigners and others who come from beyond seas, which shall be sent you by persons appointed by the Majors-General, and when they appear before you, compare their names and relations with the certificates, and enter whence they came, where they lodge, and, if foreigners, their correspondents, and whither they remove.

When any inhabitant of London or Westminster appears whose name is in the Major-General's list, you shall enter his abode and whither he is to remove, and send it to the Major-General by the next post.

On any robbery, murder, or notorious breach of peace, the actors whereof are concealed, you shall on request signify the same to the Major-General of the county, for discovery and apprehension of the offenders. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 181–2.]

Read in Council, blanks filled in, amended, agreed, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved by him 29 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 440, 445.]

Dec. 26. **68.** Petition of Hugh Roberts, vicar of Wandsworth, Surrey, to the Protector. Having been sequestered and ejected, I am included in your late declaration; but I was appointed to a less living, and declared not only innocent but deserving, and only sequestered to satisfy 2 or 3 of my parishioners. I beg you to accept my acknowledgement and declaration of obedience. With certificate by G. Cock in his favour. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Certificate by the inhabitants of Wandsworth, where he has been minister* 12 *years, that he has never preached against Government, but published all Ordinances, observed all days of humiliation and thanksgiving, and promoted all collections, and that his life was exemplary. Also that*

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the county Committee for Plundered Ministers only sequestered him because 3 or 4 refractory fellows were against him, and that they approved him for another place. 11 *Signatures.* [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 26. Order thereon in Council that he be not molested on the late Proclamation without furthur warning from Council. Approved 29 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 440, 445.]

Dec. 26. **69.** Petition of Edward Wolley, D.D., of Hammersmith, to the Protector, to be allowed to continue his painful employment of instructing youth in Latin, Greek, and French, and in other commendable exercises. Withdrew at the time of the late troubles, and continued abroad for 7 years, and has demeaned himself quietly since. Causes the Holy Scriptures to be read, and religious duties to be daily used, and frequents public worship with the scholars on the Lord's Day. They have always spoken with honour and reverence of his Highness. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

69. I. *Certificate in his favour, commending his excellent faculty in the education of youth, by Thos. Coxe, D.D., John Hering, minister of Bride's, Fleet Street, and* 3 *others.* [1 *page.*]

69. II. *Certificate by Sir John Barkstead, Lieut. of the Tower and Major-General of Middlesex, that Wolley is bound to the Protector in* 100*l. according to the late instructions.* 29 *Nov.* 1655. *Signed and sealed.* [½ *page printed form, filled in.*]

Dec. 26. Order thereon in Council that he be not molested on the late Proclamation and instructions to the Majors-General, until he shall have warning from Council, and that his petition and certificate be transmitted to the Major-General of Middlesex, with orders not to proceed further against him. Approved 29 Dec. [*I.*76, *pp.* 440, 445.]

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2. The petition of Anne Maxwell referred to Montague, Sydenham, Lambert, and Jones, to report.

3. Col. Harvey to have liberty to be at his house at Fulham and not elsewhere for 1 month, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower to give himself up at the end of that time.

4. The petition of Francis Smith, praying repayment of sums spent in the wars, when the Commonwealth was in its greatest straits, and the report of the Excise Commissioners on his former petition referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to learn all that is owing to him, and to pay him out of half such moneys as shall come in on discoveries made by him, which they are to certify, that warrants may be issued accordingly. Approved 29 Dec.

6. The salary of 300*l.* a year to Thos. Dunn, for his service as registrar, to be paid out of the tenths arising on delinquents' estates, from the time he was appointed. Approved 29 Dec.

7. The petition of James de Sene, master, and the owners of the Bonaventure, of Dieppe, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

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8. The 3 letters from the Council in Scotland of Oct. 11 and 23 and Nov. 27, referred to the Scotch Committee to report.

9. The order of Nov. 8 for 300*l.* of timber to be assigned out of Somersham Park for building Clare Hall, Cambridge, to be directed to the Admiralty Commissioners.

12. Order on report on the petition of Anne Henshaw [*See* 25 Aug. 1654], that 8,000*l.*, the residue of the debt due to her, be paid by two thirds of discoveries to be made by her or others in her behalf, of concealed moneys, lands, or goods not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, and the Treasury Commissioners are to prosecute and bring in the said monies. [*Also I.* 92, *No.* 244.] *Annexing,*

70. *Report upon which the said order is founded.* [2 *pp.*]

13. Mr. Jessop to speak with Dr. Walker, concerning John Mathewes' petition, and receive his opinion what may lawfully be done in the case.

14. The report of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen in the case of the silk stocking knitters to be considered to-morrow.

15. Order on report on Col. Dawkins' case [*See* 25 May 1655] that his troop have 56*l.*, being 2*s.* a day each for the 7 days that they served in the time of the late rebellion, from 17 to 26 March last, and that it be paid out of Council's Contingencies. Approved 5 Jan. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 439–442.] *Annexing,*

71. *Report alluded, signed by Whalley and Worsley.* 5 *Oct.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

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72. Petition of the inventors and promoters of frame-work knitting and making of silk stockings, to the Protector. We were the first inventors of this art, which is an English invention, and no part of the world has it besides. It has been much coveted by strangers, to be carried into foreign parts, which we, with much trouble and expense, have hitherto hindered. But now, by the insinuations of foreigners with some ill disposed persons of our trade, it is in danger of being carried away, which would expose hundreds of families to beggary. We beg you to consider our printed representation annexed, and to incorporate us under a Great Seal Charter, with such privileges as you think meet, agreeably to the laws touching corporations. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

72. I. *Report of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of London on a former petition, that the trade was not a corporation in 5 Eliz., and so not within the statute then made against exercising manual labour without 7 years' apprenticeship; that therefore a rule to this effect should be passed, as also other rules for exercising the manufacture, and punishing of offenders. Also that some course should be taken through England, Scotland, and Ireland, that the art, frames, and instruments, be not carried abroad.* 23 *Oct.* 1655. *Endorsed with a note of reference,* 17 *July*

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1656, *to the Attorney General, to consider whether th particulars desired are not repugnant to the laws.* [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 27. **73.** Reference thereon in Council to the Trade Committee, to report their opinion, with fit rules for management of the business, in case they see fit to advise the granting of the petition. [*Copy,* ¾ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 442.]

Dec. 27. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take 20,000*l.* bail of Col. E. Harvey, with security, according to the former order.

2. The Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Surrey to forbear to levy money on Ed. Darcy's estate till his case be examined.

4. Council to meet at 4 p.m.

5. Lord [Henry] Pawlet's business, named by his Highness to Council, referred to Strickland and Jones, with other petitions of like nature.

6. The case of John Ashburnham referred to the Majors-General of the counties where his estate lies, and Thurloe is to send them the information against him.

8. Order on petition of Wm. Diston, of Chipping Norton, co. Oxon,—considering his sufferings and losses for the State, he having been several times taken prisoner, and forced to pay large sums for his redemption, besides frequent plunderings, and that he pledged himself for 600*l.* to redeem Hen. Cornish, his uncle, carried prisoner to Oxford, for which debt he has since paid interest, which reduces him and his family to great want;—to advise that as Jasper Clutterbuck, alderman of Gloucester, has been ordered to pay 250*l.*, part of the money raised there for the State on the Scotch invasion, the Treasury Commissioners pay Diston 250*l.* for his present relief. Approved 27 Dec.

10. The petition of the inhabitants of Plympton St. Mary, co. Devon, referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Mulgrave, Jones, and Wolsley, to report.

13. Council to meet to-morrow, at 8 a.m.

14. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 27 Dec. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 442–4.]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. **74.** President Lawrence to Butler, Major-General of cos. Hunts, &c. His Highness and Council finding that the Earl of Devonshire's estate lies in several counties, and under the charge of several Majors-General, and that it will be troublesome to appear and give bond before each, have ordered him to appear and give bonds in Middlesex for all. You are therefore to prepare, perfect, and send in to Council, a particular of his estates in the counties under your charge.

With note of like letters to the Majors-General of cos. Bucks, Suffolk, Stafford, Lancaster, York, Notts, and Derby. [⅔ *page; also I.* 76, *pp.* 443–4.]

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Dec. 28. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on Pickering's report from the Committee on the petition of Mary, relict and executrix of Sir Geo. Shirley, late Chief Justice of Ireland, that since the petitioner is very aged, blind, and necessitous, the Treasury Commissioners pay her a pension of 1*l.* a week. Approved 28 Dec.

3. The Irish Committee to consider any proposals that shall be made in reference to the transportation of Irish to foreign parts, and to report.

4. To add these words to an order of Dec. 20, concerning 30,000*l.* for Ireland, *vizt.*, "and to send the same in wagons to Chester, thence to be transported in some ship appointed by the Admiralty Commissioners. The Commissioners to appoint a ship accordingly. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 444–5.]

Dec. 29. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders of 25 and 26 Dec. [*I.* 76, *p.* 445.]

Dec. 29. **75.** [Admiralty Commissioners] to the Committee for Approbation of public Preachers. You will perceive, by the enclosed orders of his Highness and Council, our endeavours to provide a competent number of men qualified to hold forth the light of the Gospel in the fleets now preparing for sea, and what encouragement is offered to those whose hearts are willing to attend that service. Knowing your readiness to promote the work, we beg you to improve your instructions in provoking to the undertaking such as may answer the end propounded, to examine those presented, and to approve only such as are well grounded in learning and godliness, and fitted to improve all opportunities of saving souls; that neither the glorious truths of the Gospel may be brought into contempt by the ignorance, vanity, or erroneous teaching of some who would crowd into such employments, nor the poor seamen kept in darkness by the high flown language of others. [*Draft corrected,* ¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **75.** I. *Proposed form of certificate that, according to an order of his Highness and Council of* 19 *Dec., they have examined A. B., and find him well qualified to hold forth the light of the Gospel in any ship, and deserving encouragement therein.* [*Draft,* ½ *page.*]

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76. T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]. I find you have received the character (cypher), but am sorry that the person [Halsey] which Albert and I engaged should be so wanting to his work. Every week I have begged my wife to find him out, but he is not in London. I hope now you will be better served, for I have found a young gentleman called in your character, Mr. Farley (Ant. Hungerford). His father is the great heir to his name, this estate 1,000*l.* a year. He goes to-morrow for England, and engages to settle you a correspondent there, who can tell you some of the Arcana of the rebels. He is his father's darling, and hopes to get a considerable sum for you. I hope our friends in England, being now under the lash, are so sensible of the smart that they will do their duty. I find, by the enclosed from my thumb friend and other letters, that they would gladly be doing something speedily. The writer tells you he is going to the gentleman whom he intends an express to you, and I hope he will not refuse the journey.

Dick Pile is impatient of your letter and commands, and if he hears not speedily, he will quit England, but I shall urge him to stay till you can send. I beg your help about a pass. I asked Mr. Booth, of Calais, to get Lord Jermyn to procure half a dozen passes to lie ready at Calais for expresses, and among them one for me, in case of my return; but Booth, instead of writing to lord Jermyn, got a single pass for me, for which he asks 20 livres, which I cannot pay, as it is all I can do to pay for my letters, and I often spare it out of my belly. Also I am 30*l.* out of purse by my journey to Cologne, for those who promised to pay me were prisoners before my return, and now I hope to get off my bail for 40*l.* that I may be free to serve you. My surgeon keeps me in his hands because I cannot pay for my cure. Pray help me to place Mr. Booth's account to the King. If I had money I would not desire assistance.

I have been 7 months hoping a way of subsistence by the tuition of the Earl of Roscommon, but they cannot find money to send him here, so I am destitute of all support.

I send you the instructions to Cromwell's Commissioners, though you may have had them already.

P.S.—You ask who are Cromwell's chief councillors. When I was in England, St. John and Thurloe, who had been St. John's clerk, with Lawrence, President of the Council, and Nath. Fiennes, brought in by Lawrence, were of his cabinet; and sometimes one of the Pierrepoints—a Parliamentary man with crooked shoulders—is admitted when advice is wanting. I am glad Manning has received his reward. I hope all of his stamp will have the like. [3¼ *pages; endorsed by Nicholas as received* $\frac{6}{16}$ *Jan.* 1655–6.] *Enclosing,*

76. I. *Thos. Watson to* [*Thos. Ross*]. *I was glad of yours, and will visit Robin to-morrow, persuade him to the journey, and assist him in it. The Cavalier clergy are made incapable of acting, and not even allowed to keep school, so that it will go hard with them. The lawyers are dealt with in the same kind, for they are not allowed chamber practice, and were all brought to new composition, and forced to give security for themselves and servants. No one is allowed to wear a sword, "so that we are now the most excellent slaves in the world." Dec.* 10. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 31. **76A.** Petition of the Company of Vintners of London to the Council. By his Highness's late proclamation for the prizing of wines, the prices resolved on are such as they cannot afford. Vast quantities of wine are now on their hands, bought long before the proclamation. Beg relief; 6 signatures. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

76. I. *Particulars of their case, their present large stock, having the vintage of* 1654 *on hand, the dearness of the new rates, the unfairness of their extending to wine already in* *stock, the practice of former times in the rating of wines, and the utter ruin that threatens them if these prices are carried out.* [2⅓ *pages.*]

Dec. 31. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no orders in Council were given, viz.:—

Sir John Villiers, Viscount Purbeck, for the lodgings over the gate belonging to his office as keeper of Somerset House, but borrowed of him by the Lord-Deputy of Ireland. "The office ceasing, no allowance fit." [*No.* 285.]

John Turner, for recompense for 4 months' attendance on and stationery for the Committee of the late Parliament on Ordinances touching ministers. "To be offered to Council, and Mr. Scobell to give his opinion." [*No.* 296.]

Wm. Booker, Marshall of his Highness's regiment, for allowance of 15*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* expended about Hudson, a blind minister, late his prisoner. "Fit to be allowed, if upon examination the matter be true." [*No.* 299.]

Jeffry Browne, for release; was committed to the Gatehouse, May 1653, by the Council of State, but the Court of Articles adjudged him within Galloway articles, and recommend his liberty to his Highness. Col. Herbert to certify what should be done with him. [*No.* 306.]

Capt. John Fauteart, of Guernsey, for appeal from a judgment in Guernsey. "Report returned, offered, and recommitted." [*No.* 310.]

Jas. Browne, an old servant of the late King, for relief; attended at Holmby, and has 52*l.* due for the service; the rest are paid but he not, through want of Mr. Cresset's certificate. "Cresset to certify; order drawn." [*No.* 316.]

Elijah Palmer, that the Army Committee may have power to bring in the assessments for Ireland, and pay him 991*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* balance of 1,408*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* charged by Parliament thereon, out of what he shall discover, and 509*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, his charges in bringing in those arrears; his former warrants are with the Treasurers-at-War. "Referred to Army Committee, and order drawn." [*No.* 319.]

Anne, widow of Col. Thos. Blundel, slain at Belvoir castle, under Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, that 639*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, certified by Lord Fairfax as due to him, may be admitted on the security of the army. "It cannot be done; speak with the Lord Lambert as to what is fit to be done in it." [*No.* 321.]

Clothiers of the new drapery in Essex and Suffolk, for deliverance from vexatious suits about alnage; the case has been considered in Parliament, and a report ready, but it extends only to the old drapery. "Referred to the Treasury Commissioners." [*No.* 327.]

Matthias and Thos. Lea, for larger allowance; have been diligent clerks under Council many years, but not got enough to defray their charges. "Council desires to do Mat. Lea good." [*No.* 337.]

Quartermaster Isaac Antrobus, for an order to the Sequestration Commissioners to pay him 100*l.* ordered him out of the Earl of Holland's estate, he taking the Earl prisoner. "Not looked after." [*No.* 342.]

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Edm. Whicker, surgeon, of Chichester, for payment of 40*l.* allowed him by the Commissioners for sick seamen, on his reasonable bill of 50*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* for medicaments for Dutch prisoners. "Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, and order drawn." [*No.* 346.]

Joachim Beene, Hamburgher, master and owner of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 3 Kings, for compassion. His ship was seized on her way from Hamburg to Spain; his $\frac{1}{3}$ is worth 450*l.*, and his part of the goods 400*l.*, and he has attended 18 months at 200*l.* charge, and is undone. [*No.* 349.]

Dec. 31. / Jan. 10. Dieppe. **77.** Jacob Gwyn to Williamson. I am much astonished that you have not received your things. I delivered them to the carrier the day you left, and agreed with him for 6 livres a cwt. I will do what I can therein. [*French, scrap.*]

Dec. 31. **77*a*.** Hum. Robinson to [Williamson]. I received 3 packets from Rye, Dieppe, and Rouen, and delivered the letters; we are glad of your safe arrival. If Mr. Thordick cannot furnish the Bible, I will try to get you one; our friends at Queen's are well. The Jews, we hear, will be admitted by way of connivency, though the generality oppose. [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 31. Portsmouth. **78.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send, as ordered, an account of timber in Ampthill, Weckering, and Brockborow Parks, which is mostly felled, and worth a considerable sum. I suppose the trustees at Worcester House acted according to certificate from their surveyors, but how far these did their duty I know not; I was informed that the river was navigable to St. Neot's, and that the timber could be conveniently carried thither, and from thence by water; that from St. Neot's to Bedford was 8 miles, and from Bedford to Ampthill 5 miles; but I know not whether it was Parliament's intention that the miles should be measured, for miles in some counties are far longer than in others; I think it a long 12, but it cannot be 16 miles, unless they add the badness of the way to lengthen them. If it is judged that the timber belongs to the Navy, it will be best to sell the remainder, and make those accountable who sold what they had no right to.

Particulars of ships. Officers wanted, and recommended. I send the examinations of the boatswain and carpenter of the Taunton, respecting some expressions used by their captain. The Portsmouth has arrived with 15 or 16 small vessels from St. Malo, and reports that numerous Ostenders are skulking about the rocks there, so that our great ships dare not venture there, and that this much prejudices the trade of those parts. [1$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

Dec.? **79.** Report of [the Admiralty Commissioners]—on reference of Council of 2 Dec. of Rob. Pickering's request for repayment of money laid out for relief of English at St. Malo, taken by the enemy, and touching the furnishing the Navy with sailcloth—that they know of no allowance made at Morlaix for relief of English prisoners passing home, as is alleged, but the charge ought to be borne by the masters who employed seamen thus taken. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page, unfinished.*]

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[Dec.] **80–169.** Receipts for moneys paid by Sec. Thurloe or by his order for public intelligence, from 10 March to 28 Dec. 1655. [96 *papers.*]

Dec. **170–182.** Weekly summaries of the accounts in the Exchequer, Sept.—Dec. 1655, giving the heads of receipts and payments, and the balances in hand. [13 *papers*, 1 *page each.*]

Dec. ? **183.** Conditions of a bond, that the persons bound who are menial servants to ——— shall behave peaceably towards the Protector and Commonwealth while they continue in the said service, and shall appear on notice given before Col. Thos. Kelsey, Major-General of cos. Kent and Surrey, when required. [*Printed form. Scrap.*]

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1655 ? **184.** Petition of Dr. Ralph Cudworth, master of Clare Hall, Cambridge, to the Protector, for payment of his arrears, as granted to other masters of colleges in like case. By an order of Parliament, an augmentation was annexed to the mastership, and is stayed by an obstruction on the Treasury, whence it was to be issued. [1 *page.*]

185. Petition of the gentry, freeholders, and inhabitants within the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester, to the Protector, for the appointment of a constable of the said forest, for protection of the timber, and for the holding of two courts to allow their rights of estovers, pasture, pannage, and to try matters in difference of whatever value. The forest, from its nearness to the Severn, is fit for building ships of great burdens, and was so pronounced on a late survey by Augustine Aldridge, shipwright of London. [113 *signatures.* 1 *sheet.*]

186. Petition of Capt. Dan. How to the Admiralty Commissioners. I waited in Virginia 5 months, at a charge of 50*l.* a month, after my ship, the Hopewell, was taken from me, and then the governor freed me, but sent me to England under 1,000*l.* engagement. On arrival I fell sick, and all my men were pressed at Plymouth, so that I could not come to London. Meantime my adversaries, from whom the Governor and Council of Virginia freed me, proceeded against me in the Admiralty Court, and got my ship condemned as prize without my knowledge. I appealed, got a summons for Major Hazard's appearance, and petitioned the Protector, who referred me to you; but Hazard is not willing to appear, though he was willing to take my ship, for which I have been in trouble since Feb. 1652–3. [⅔ *page.*]

187. Petition of Nich. Harris and Sam. Gamble to the Admiralty Commissioners. Have served by land and sea and against the Hollanders, and lately Harris in the Marmaduke and Gamble in the Heart's Ease, but cannot get pay; Harris because, having a 10 days' leave to come to London, he fell ill, and when recovered, was too weak to repair to his ship, and enlisted under Col. Barkstead, and now cannot get leave to return to sea. Gamble is also under Col.

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Barkstead in like condition. Both beg to receive what they faithfully served for. [1 *page.*]

188. Petition of Anne, widow of Capt. Rich. Jolliffe, and also of Lieut. Thos. Croney, both of whom died in the service, to the Admiralty Commissioners. My son, And. Croney, was servant to Mr. Cottington, surgeon of the Newcastle, for 23 months, but his pay is suspended, on an allegation that he stole 5*l.* or 6*l.* worth of victuals, though he only took 2 or 3 lbs. of flour and 9 biscuits for hunger. For this he was so severely lashed by the boatswain that his flesh was torn and he left almost dead. Begs pity and his wages, for she sold her bed from under her to fit him for the service. [1 *page.*]

189. Petition of Anna Jones, widow, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for release of her son John, aged 14, who "by the enticement of some idle persons called spirits was carried aboard the ship William, lying at Gravesend and bound for Barbadoes or Virginia, and there detained aboard and intended to be by them sold." He is her only son and the staff of her age. Noted in short hand that the boy is to be brought up, and those that claim him to appear. [⅔ *page.*]

190. Petition of John Read, steward of the Worcester, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I lately asked compensation for loss and damage under Capt. Nixon, the master, and for leave to exhibit a charge against the captain, for illegal judgments and cruelties in the late expedition against many mariners and soldiers, and for defrauding the State. For so doing he threatens me with actions at law and arrest. I am informed that actions are often so obstructed, and if I be so troubled, I shall never get bail, the good of the Commonwealth will be obstructed, and offenders will go unpunished.

If protected according to law, I can gain the Commonwealth very much money. I beg protection against all arrests at the captain or master's hands, till the cause be heard and the Commonwealth satisfied, and the injuries and wrongs to the seamen and soldiers by the inhuman tyranny and cruelty of the captain be righted. [¾ *page.*]

191. Petition of Jer. Rich to the Admiralty Commissioners. Has served 11 years, but the differences with neighbour nations, wherein he was clerk of the check under Captain Wm. Rous, being composed, begs other employment, having good certificates. Will not relate his troubles in the late wars; has sailed through a Red Sea of sorrow in the midst of the Valley of Achor; yet adversities are good except to those who have too little faith or too much fear. Noted, "To bring a certificate that he has cleared his accounts." [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

191. I *Jer. Rich to Major Thompson. The General and Admiralty Commissioners say it is not usual for them to give certificates, but you might give me one if you knew no fault in me. Gen. Blake spoke to Commissioner Pett about it; my making or undoing stands in having your certificate. Gen. Penn told me yours only would serve. If I had been false in the last employment you put me in, I should not have dared to ask your certificate.* [1 *page.*]

192. Petition of John Taylor, lieutenant of the Tiger, and son to the late John Taylor, captain of the William, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Served under Capt. Gabriel Saunders ever since 14 July 1654; came home from Saonehead, France, in a prize which Vice-Admiral Howett ordered him to bring to the Collectors for prizes. Then went into the country till his ship came to Portsmouth, when he repaired to her but she was gone. Came to London and found the captain had pricked him out of pay since he left Saonehead. This being done from enmity, begs he may have his pay. [1 *page.*]

193. Petition of Rob. Taylor to the Commissioners of Customs, for a place as searcher, messenger, tidesman, or any other. Has long served faithfully in England and Scotland, and has thus lost the employment to which he was brought up. With blank form of a certificate of recommendation. [¾ *page.*]

194. Petition of John, son of Jas. Towne of Thornton, co. York, to Maj.-Gen. Lambert, for employment to get a subsistence. Has been apprenticed in London, but cannot set up his trade there for want of stock, owing to his father's sufferings in the late wars from the King's party. Has served as a clerk at Worcester House, and since as a messenger. [⅔ *page.*]

195. Petition of Thos. Wilson, M.D to the Admiralty Commissioners. I was appointed physician to the fleet in the West Indian expedition, and diligently attended all, whether officers or seamen, who desired my advice, either on board the Swiftsure or any other ship in the fleet, on advertisement from their surgeons. Since my arrival I have fallen sick in prison. I beg you to order my salary, according to the establishment allowed a physician serving the State on land, and pay it to Edw. Allen, my assignee. [⅔ *page.*]

196. Report to the Protector on the petition of John King, messenger of Council. For his services to the late Council of State, they bought him a house in Whitehall orchard, the repair of which cost him 40*l.*; he was removed thence by Maidstone, your steward, losing 33*l.* money and goods in the removal; his salary is 3 years in arrear, and he was dismissed without cause shown, for which he craves allowance. We find that he was a deputy to the serjeant-at-arms, and had John Kendrick's rooms in Whitehall, Kendrick receiving 20*l.* on quitting them; that King spent 20*l.* on the lodgings; that the steward, having urgent occasion for the rooms for your family, removed him after several warnings; that he was paid his salary to 3 Feb. 1653–4, and any service he has done since has been voluntary; but that he has been a useful servant, has incurred danger, and suffered from Malignants, and therefore deserves favour. [2 *pages.*]

197. Report by the Committee to whom John Searle's petition and account is referred, that the accounts not being large, Council should themselves determine what should be done. [½ *page.*]

198. Draft of the above and Report by the Committee for removing Obstructions in the discovering of fraudulent Debentures, 1655? Vol. CII.

that Mr. Tandy should forthwith be paid off all the arrears of his salary, and the Treasurers be required to do this. [⅓ *page.*]

199. Thos. Haynes to Lord ——. When I came from England, I had lost 25*l.* but was paid 300 guilders. I have sent moneys last Lent to Mrs. Randew for her husband, who was starving at Maestricht, for part of which they assigned me a bill on Lord Wentworth for money lent him by Randew at Cologne. Please to get this paid. I have Sir Chas. Cotterel's promise for the remainder.

I also beg payment of 2 years' board wages due to the late Mr. Hind, to whom I often lent money, and who requested me on his deathbed to pay his small debts, which I promised to do, and they call on me for it; but though Mr. Fox promises me money, he does not pay it. I have now a year's board wages due to me. Let not my compassion to my fellow-servants make me incapable of relieving myself. [1⅔ *pages.*]

200, 201. Wm. Jervis to the Protector. I can prove that the Trustees for Sale of Delinquents' Estates have, contrary to their trust, reprized upon several contracts above 50,000*l.*; and if their books may be seized and I peruse them, I could prove a great deal more.

This should be done at once, if you and Council resolve to raise the money on the said Trustees or otherwise.

I can also prove their frauds in selling estates at undervalues when there were competitors for them, and when they ought to have been sold at the box, and in selling them privately at lower rates than were offered, if Commissioners may be appointed to examine the case, send for books and papers, and imprison such as stand in contempt.

P.S.—I can also prove that they allowed leases and pretended leases on most estates sold by them, which were returned by the surveyors, though they were not claimed, and allowed according to the directions of the Act for Sale, whereby they have sold 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.* a year as in reversion, which they were bound to have sold in possession. [1½ *pages;* 2 *papers.*]

202, 203. Request by Jervis that 13 persons named, of cos. Gloucester, Essex, Somerset, Sussex, and Dorset, and of London and Westminster, may be a committee to examine the case, with such others as his Highness thinks fit, the quorum not to exceed 3. [¾ *pages,* 2 *copies.*]

204. Request by Jervis for 4 other persons named to be added to the said Committee for Discoveries. [1 *page.*]

205. Request by Jervis that John Hodder may be nominated their clerk, in respect of his knowledge in the books of the Trustees. [½ *page.*]

206. —Justel to Jos. Williamson, Oxford. But for the gentleman by whom you wrote me, but whose acquaintance I only made 5 or 6 days ago, on account of his illness, I should have despaired, for want of your address, of assuring you of my obedience, and thanking you for your remembrance of me.

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I am obliged by your introduction of your friend, a man of much merit, whom I should be glad to serve. He has taken charge of the genealogical quarterings of the house of Tremouille which I had promised you. When you write, send me your address. [*French, 2 pages.*]

207. Capt. Fras. Cranwell to the Admiralty Commissioners. Although I have been so unfortunate as to incur your displeasure through drowning our ship, I nevertheless humbly desire a re-engagement in the service, when I will stake my life for the regaining of your good opinion. [½ *page.*]

Dover Road. **208.** Case of Mrs. Marsh, widow of Mr. Marsh, postmaster on the Dover Road. Petitioned his Highness for her husband's place, and for the year's arrears due to him at Midsummer last, which petition was referred to Council, and from them to a committee, where it still remains.

The rest of those postmasters also petitioned his Highness, and claim other privileges, coming in by purchase at first, and received their salary quarterly from the Navy Office, their post being outlandish, but they, like Mrs. Marsh, have now arrears due.

Notwithstanding former orders in the late King's time, many persons going under the name of hackneymen daily furnish persons with horses, and ride post with horses and guides without order, whereby the postmasters are much discouraged, being at great charge in keeping horses and servants, and sometimes at a greater expense than their salaries amount to.

Motion is therefore made for consideration of both cases, and of the annexed certificate and order, made to settle and pay them their salaries forthwith. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

208. I. *Certificate by Edw. Pashlow, mayor, and the jurates and inhabitants of Gravesend and Milton, that Arthur White, deputy-postmaster there, has officiated* 8 *years with diligence, and kept a sufficient number of horses and servants; yet divers hackneymen in the town send horses and guides with all manner of outlandish persons, which is a great discouragement to White and the rest of the posts upon the roads to Dover, and a great prejudice to the Commonwealth, as many dangerous and disaffected persons have and still may be guided by such persons into private byways, and thereby travel the country unknown. With note by White that from* 12 *Sept.* 1651 *to* 7 *Nov.* 1653, *he has carried* 190 *by land, and since he has been postmaster, he has lost* 130*l. in horse flesh.* [1¼ *pages, with* 16 *signatures.*]

Assignment by Thomas Hockin to Thomas Coveney, of Burmarsh or Burwarmarsh Manor, or Abbots Court, and 288 acres of land, part of the said manor, leased to him by the Protector 4 July 1655, for as long as they remain in his hands as forfeit for treason or outlawry, for 40s. fine and 20s. rent. [*Parchment not signed. Interregnum Box* 3, *No.* 1.]

Duplicate of the above not signed. [*Ibid, No.* 2.]

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1655? **209.** Examinations of Godfrey Petty, John Silk, and Thos. Skinner, as to frauds committed by Wm. Gardner and Roger Carlisle, in substituting old for new muskets, not accounting for guns received, taking and offering bribes, &c. [3 *pages.*]

210. List of 8 London residents, 2 or 3 of whom are to be bail for Rob. Manley. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

College of Arms, London. **211, 212.** Grant of Arms to Francis Offley, 6th son by birth, but by the death of his brothers became eldest son, born in 1611 at Elbing in Prussia, naturalized by the late King 9 July 1631, and entered in the College of Arms as son of Thos. Offley, citizen of London, and agent for English merchants in Prussia, eldest son of Hugh Offley, sheriff and alderman of London in 1588, second son of Wm. Offley, mayor and sheriff of Chester, son of Rich. Offley, who married twice, had 23 sons and 3 daughters, and lived to be 86 years old. He was of an old Staffordshire family, whose members, by service to princes in peace and war, had attained knighthood and other dignities, and were allied to many great families by marriage. Arms, cross fleury, between 4 birds, sable. Motto, *Virescit vulnere virtus.* [1 *page, and scrap, Latin.*]

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Jan. 1. **1.** Petition of Mich. Measy to Council. I and the late Hugh Lewis, searcher at Bristol, have for divers years at great charge prosecuted Bristol merchants on informations, for unlawful export of calf-skins, and they have indirectly tried to stop our proceedings, prejudiced the Commonwealth, and ruined their prosecutors, outing from his place Lewis, who has left a widow and 5 children ready to perish, and troubling me at the Committee for Indemnity, &c. They now endeavour to supersede the proceedings in the Exchequer, which they think are likely to go against them. I beg you to transmit the business to the Exchequer, that it may appear what is due from them to the State, and that I may receive what cannot justly be denied me. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Arguments on the case, showing that the merchants endeavour to export without payment of custom, and boast of their purses, and say it is dangerous for any man to sue a corporation. The informer has spent* 1,000*l. in the case, and* 20,000*l. would be brought in to the Exchequer if it proceeded.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 1. **2.** Order on the above petition, and a report from the Treasury Commissioners about the merchant adventurers of Bristol, that all prosecution against them in the Court of Exchequer for transport of calf-skins be stayed. Approved, 5 Jan. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 446.] *Annexing,*

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2. I. *Report alluded to, that by* 18 *Eliz. the export of leather and hides is prohibited,* ½ *the value to go to his Highness and* ½ *to the suitor; but in* 1642 *Parliament allowed the export of a certain weight, and the late Navy Committee confirmed the order; detail of proceedings therein* [*see* 28 *Nov.* 1655], *and advice that as the transport is unlawful, and yet licenses were given for it, the severity of the laws should be mitigated, in case of an Exchequer judgment, but that care should be taken that leather and hides of value be not transported under colour of calfskins.* 21 *Dec.* 1655. [2½ *pages.*]

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2. Wolsley, Mulgrave, Fleetwood, Lambert, Pickering, and Lisle, added to Strickland and Jones, who were a Committee on the petitions of several desiring exemption from proceedings against them, on instructions to the Majors-General and Commissioners.

3. The said Committee to consider what should be done as to those counties under the respective Majors-General where the tax ordered to be imposed for securing the peace of the Commonwealth shall be short of the charge of the new militia forces raised in that county, and to report.

5. Order on Strickland's report of the petition and case of Henry Heron, that the same be not recommitted.

6. The report in the case of Lord Henry Paulet, and a certificate on his behalf by divers gentlemen of co. Hants, referred to the Major-General, who is to spare him the payment of the $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate, if the case be as certified. Approved 5 Jan. *Annexing,*

3. *Report alluded to, signed by Jones and Strickland,* 1 *Jan.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

7. The letter of Dec. 24, 1655, from Maj.-Gen. Worsley, referred to the Committee of Council on other letters from the Majors-General, which is to meet this afternoon.

8. Two papers signed by the Army Committee and enclosed to the president, concerning arrears in the City of London assessment, and arrears in army pay, referred to Sydenham, Lambert, Montague, Wolsley, and Jones.

10. The same Committee to consider fit salaries for the Army Committee, and what number of members shall be continued in future, and report.

11. The following yearly augmentations, proposed by the Committee for Maintenance of Ministers, approved.

Bucks.	To the Minister of		Upton, 20*l.*
Hertford.	„	„	North Mims, 20*l.*
„	„	„	Wormley, 20*l.*
Leicester.	„	„	Buckminster, 20*l.*
Lincoln.	„	„	Sleaford, 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*
„	„	„	Burton-super-Stather, 30*l.*
York.	„	„	Otley, 44*l.*

Approved by the Protector, 4 Jan.

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12. Jones, Mulgrave, and Lisle to consider the paper from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers whereby several augmentations are proposed, and consult with them about those not yet approved.

13. Sydenham, Wolsley, and Strickland to consider whether it be a charity to give Susan Bowen 10*l.* on the grounds set forth in her petition.

14. The same Committee to consider the petition of Mary, wife of Stephen Pound, of the Isle of Wight, containing some demands by her husband for his wages and the hire of a vessel employed in the taking of Jersey, to learn what is due, and report.

16. Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Strickland to examine Emanuel Middleton, now in custody, in whose house divers seditious books were found, and report.

19. Note of the reading of a report from the Admiralty Commissioners about a French ship, but no order. *Annexing,*

> **4.** *Report alluded to, on an order of Council of* 29 *Nov.* 1655 *that they have examined the matter and consulted with Sec. Thurloe thereon, but as it requires secrecy, and will be of great advantage to the Commonwealth if accomplished, they forbear writing thereon, and request Council to receive their report from Mr. Secretary.* 27 *Dec.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

20. **5.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—concerning 2 Ostend men-of-war stayed at the Downs by Capt. Bourne, on account of the seizure of Englishmen's goods in Flanders, the companies whereof were put aboard the Lyme frigate, where they have since remained at the State's charge, and are now proposed to be released on exchange,—that the said Commissioners order the the release of the said persons, in exchange for some English prisoners at Ostend, named in a paper annexed, or otherwise, as they think best. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 445–8.]

6, 6*a*. Order that the Admiralty Commissioners accept a bill of 60*l.* on the Navy Treasurer, for payment of 60*l.* to Bezaleel Augier for provisions taken up in New England for the fleet, and direct its payment. [2 *copies*, ⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **6.** i. *Order of the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners accordingly.* 2 *Jan.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

[Jan. 2.] **7.** Petition of Jas. Morley, registrar accountant to the Commissioners General of the Revenue in Ireland, to the Protector. By inquisition of 6 Nov. 1654, it appears that Cuthbert Morley, of Newton-upon-Ouse, co. York, being outlawed 20 July 1651, and fled, was still seized of that manor, value 63*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* a year. Being heir at law and brother to Cuthbert, whose outlawry he prosecuted at his own charge, begs remission of the forfeiture, and a patent for the lands in consideration of service. With holograph note from the Protector, commending the care of this petition to Mr. Sadler, reference signed by Sadler to the Attorney General, 28 June 1655; and report by Attorney General Prideaux, that Cuthbert Morley was outlawed for felony and murder, that he held the said lands at a rent charge of 20 marks on Morley's lands in Normanby, Cleveland, but they are probably worth much more than 63*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, were seized as forfeit, and are at his Highness's disposal. 21 July 1655. [1 *page; endorsed on the petition.*] *Annexing,*

7. I. *Lord Deputy Chas. Fleetwood to his father*[*-in-law-*] *the Protector. I commend Morley to you, as his case has long depended in the Master of Requests' hands. He is a sober gracious Christian, and so useful here that business suffers by his absence. Pray let him obtain his suit.* 24 *Feb.* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 2. Abstract of the above petition and reference, and further reference by Council to Col. Rob. Lilburne, to enquire into the value of the estate and the whole circumstances, and return his answer by 20 Feb. next. [*I.* 92, *No.* 419.]

[Jan. 2.] **8.** Petition of John Hamilton of Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham, to the Protector. On summons, I appeared before the Committee for ejecting Scandalous Ministers, &c., in the 4 northern counties, begging a copy of the injunction against me, and leave to bring in witnesses, which was refused, and I had to make a verbal answer. The articles were for frivolous words in ordinary discourse on the late war, 1648–1650. I begged 4 hours' time for an answer, urging the danger of examining on oath on words spoken so many years ago, and pleading the Act of Oblivion, but all was rejected, and I was voted out of my rectory by 5 Commissioners named. Next day, I begged a copy of the charge, depositions, and sentence, that I might appeal to you, but they were refused, "to the great admiration of all that hear of such strange proceedings."

I beg an order to the judges of assize to be held at Durham this August 1655, or to the justices of peace, to call on the said Commissioners to justify their proceedings and to suspend the ejection, if the refusal of a copy of the charge, &c., is illegal. With order, signed by the Protector, that the petition be showed to the 5 Commissioners named, and that they report their proceedings to Council. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

8. I. *Report of the said Commissioners, viz., Rob. Fenwick, Rob. Johnson, Rob. Sharpe, Thos. Lacie, and Thos. Huntley, to Council. Hamilton was summoned before us, not merely for words, but for gross scandal. We considered ourselves judges about giving copies of the articles, and refused them because they gave the year, but not the day, and therefore we knew no negative could be proved. We thought he only wished to delay his ejectment, having forcibly thrown out one who was settled by Act of Parliament, and had a suit pending about it at Durham assizes. His carriage to us was reproachful and insolent, and he pleaded the*

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Act of Oblivion, but it does not pardon drunkenness, quarrelling, and fighting in a minister, and he has been twice drunk since the Act. Newcastle, 6 *Sept.* 1655. [1¾ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

8. II. *Charge against Hamilton for drunkenness, speaking against Government, and against Leonard Wastell, whom in* 1654 *he turned out of Hurworth parsonage, abusiveness, &c., deposed to by* 13 *witnesses,* 14 *Aug.* 1655. [2¼ *pages.*]

8. III. *Sentence of ejection upon him by the said Commissioners. Newcastle-on-Tyne,* 14 *Aug.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 2. Reference in Council of the above petition and papers to Wolsley, Jones, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 449.]

Jan. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Trade Committee to consider how the Statute of 43 Eliz. cap 2. may be executed for the advancement of trade and relief of the poor.

2, 3. Order—on petition of Richard, Earl of Dorset, stating that several orders have been issued by the Commissioners of cos. Derby and Stafford, one directing a particular of his estates to be given in, the other appointing his tenant to pay certain sums assessed, which he conceives to be grounded on a misinformation of delinquency, as he never has borne arms for or otherwise sided with the late King's party—that the Majors-General be instructed to discharge the petitioner if they find these statements to be true. With letters to Maj.-Gen. Worsley, for co. Stafford, and Maj.-Gen. Whalley, for co. Derby, accordingly, dated 5 Jan. Approved 5 Jan.

4. The Scotch Committee to consider Lord Broghill's letter of Dec. 20 last, and report.

6. Order—on Nich. Bond's account for the entertainment of the Venetian ambassador, his receipts being 300*l.* from Council's contingencies, and 5*l.* for wines sold, and his disbursements 268*l.* 4*s.* 2½*d.* —that he pay the balance of 37*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* to Frost.

7. The auditors of imprest to examine his accounts as steward for the entertainment of the late Geneva ambassador, the Marquis de Lede, late Spanish ambassador, and the present Swedish and Venetian ambassadors, and certify.

8. Jessop to examine Kinnersley's bill of 29*l.* for disbursements, and report how it has been expended.

9. Order—on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey and his wife, on information of his ill health and the necessity of fresh air—that the Lieutenant of the Tower give him liberty to be at his house in Fulham, and not elsewhere, for a month, on security in 10,000*l.* to give himself up a prisoner at the end of that time.

10. To advise a commission to Col. Ed. Montague to be one of the generals at sea. Approved in person.

11. An abatement to be made of 2 men out of every troop in Scotland, toward defraying the charge of the new guard, and a letter to Gen. Monck to be written to that effect.

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13. Wolsley and Jones to speak with the party mentioned this day by his Highness, alleged to have given 100*l.* bribe, learn the state of the case, receive information under the party's hand, and report.

15. Order on the petition of the merchants trading in Spanish wines, offering some desires concerning the price of wines, that the clerks of Council acquaint the petitioners as their answer, that the setting of price on wine is limited by statute to a time now expired.

16. The petition and papers of the Committee for the affairs of Trinity House, concerning a buoy on a sand called the Middle Ground, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

17. Order—on information that the Excise officers in Scotland demand 200*l.* of Col. Pride for the arrears of a rent of 100*l.* a year due on the lands in Scotland given him by Parliament, for which lands he is to be satisfied out of the fines imposed in Scotland, and that Mr. Bilton is directed by the Council in Scotland to stop the 200*l.* out of the second moiety payable to him from the said fines—that Pride be discharged of the 200*l.*, and receive his second moiety without stop. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 448–450.]

Jan. 2. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred in 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, with references and orders when given; those marked *a* are noted as referred to sub Committees, *b* as not referred.

Col. Symons, for Wm. Compton, recusant, to be paid out of the ⅔ of his estate received at Haberdashers' Hall, 1363*l.*, for goods taken for the service of Parliament. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners. [*No.* 203.]

Wm. Saul, Warder of the Tower, subject not named. [*No.* 204.]

Clerks and officers attending the late Parliament, for examination of their services, in order to an allowance. "Mr. Scobell to give his opinion." [*No.* 369.]

Alice, widow of Capt. Wm. Brandley, for relief, being left very poor; her husband was in the Essex on the Irish coast, and in all the Dutch engagements, lost his right hand in the service, and by the cure of it, and an imprisonment on a 10,000*l.* action, was put to great charge. "Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners" (*b*). [*No.* 374.]

Antonio Rodriques Robles, for allowance, according to the 11th direction in the Book of Rates; imported 62 pipes of Canary wine, paying 5*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* a tun customs, and they prove not worth so much as vinegar. Referred to the Customs' Commissioners. [*No.* 378.]

Thos. Stanley, cheesemonger, for liberty to transport 1,000 barrels of butter. [*No.* 381.]

Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Gawler, minister of Cheselborough, co. Somerset, for an order to John Tucker, put in place of her husband, who was sequestered, to pay her ⅕, as ordered by the County Commissioners. The Major-General to see that the ⅕ is paid (*b*). [*No.* 383.]

Inhabitants of Cooling parish, Suffolk, for a brief for a collection

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Jan. 2. to repair their church; the steeple fell down last December, to the damage of 700*l.* Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 384.]

Messengers and labourers at the Ordnance Office, for arrears of their salaries and disbursements from 1639 to 1642, at 10½ a day each. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners (*a*). [*No.* 385.]

Dame Alice Burlace, Lady Levingston, Bridget Bray, and others. Had annuities from the late King; beg a moiety to trustees for their use of a discovery out of Sir. Peter Vanlore's estate of crown jewels embezzled, with power to prosecute (*a*). [*No.* 387.]

Bridget, wife of John Lancaster, for payment out of the list for London of 27*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* advanced by her husband on the public faith. Submitted. [*No.* 388.]

And. Ramsey, for creditors in Scotland, that the forfeited estates there may be freed from donatives, and made liable to their just debts, and that for satisfaction of those concerned in the donatives, the fines may be applied. Also that the forfeit persons may be restored to their estates, on paying as much as, with the rest received, will answer the donatives at 10 years' purchase. Referred to the Committee for Scotland (*a*). [*No.* 389.]

Rich. Browne, receiver general of monthly assessments for co. Pembroke, for satisfaction; spent 50*l.* to pay the Parliamentary forces in Poyer's rebellion, and 45*l.* in transporting Col. Brodick's 4 troops to Ireland. Has been receiver 4 years, and paid in 200*l.*, and had no allowance more than 1*d.* in the pound (*b*). [*No.* 390.]

Hugh Merrell, for the French merchants, for his Highness' care of them, they having lost much by the Brest men-of-war, &c. (*b*). [*No.* 391.]

Mary, wife of Major John Child, prisoner in Upnor Castle, Kent, for her husband's release (*b*). [*No.* 392.]

Eliz. Dod, a distressed widow, for liberty to transport some wool or leather, or import French wines, duty free, for relief of her family (*b*). [*No.* 393.]

Inhabitants of Leicester, for a reference to fit men about Leicester for the care of Wigston's hospital there. The land is worth 1,200*l.* a year, but the income is only 200*l.*, and 700*l.* a year is "in a near capacity to be let" (*a*). [*No.* 394.]

Tenants of Maiden Bradley, co. Wilts, for suspension of all proceedings to prejudice their right of common in Frome Selwood Forest, to part of which Lord Broghill lays claim. "To be left to a due course of law" (*b*). [*No.* 395.]

Jan. 2. Note of a petition of Joan, wife of Hen. Bartlett, Lieut.-Colonel to Maj.-Gen. Fortescue, in Jamaica. Has kept hackney coaches 25 years, and her husband continued them, depending on the Ordinance of 2 Sept. 1654 for soldiers to have trades, yet he is sued for it, one of her coachmen imprisoned in the Gatehouse, and a coach and 2 horses seized and detained; begs restitution, and liberty to keep coaches till her husband's return. [*I.* 92, *No.* 420.]

Jan. 2. **9.** Order thereon in the Committee for Petitions, that the Lord Chief Baron, Recorder of London, and Aldermen Tichborne and Ireton, enquire into the matter, and whether the disaffected are encouraged and the honest discouraged by those employed in the corporation of hackney coachmen or others, under colour of the Ordinances of his Highness and Council, and report. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

9. I. *Report thereon by Recorder Wm. Steele and Ald. John Ireton, that certain persons of the late King's party are allowed to be hackney coachmen, and some who have served Parliament are not allowed to keep coaches.* 21 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

9. II. *Certificate by Sir John Barkstead, Major-General of Middlesex, of* 9 *hackney coachmen of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, of the late King's party, who have entered into bonds, and of others who are appointed to enter. Tower,* 23 *Jan.* 1655–56. [1 *page.*]

9. III. *Like certificate of* 12 *of Martin's in the Fields,* 2 *of Clement Dane's, and* 1 *of Savoy.* 19 *Feb.* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

9. IV. *List by And. Cole of* 9 *Parliamentary soldiers who desire to drive hackney coaches.* [½ *page.*]

Jan. 3. **10.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Deverel-Longbridge and adjacent places, co. Wilts, to the Protector. Having tasted the preciousness of the Gospel, we desire its spread and continuance, but our vicar is not desirable, being a Malignant, outed from another place; therefore we beg that Wm. Temple and Wm. Adlam may preach every Lord's Day afternoon (the vicar seldom preaching) in the public place, and also that it may be at their disposal one day in each week. 49 signatures. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 3. Order thereon in Council that the vicar be proceeded against before the County Commissioners for Scandalous Ministers, and that meantime Temple and Adlam preach as requested. [*I.* 76, *p.* 460.]

[Jan. 3.] **11, 12.** Petition of Thos. Wheeler, mayor, Hen. Peckham, recorder, 10 aldermen, and 19 other citizens of the corporation of Chichester, to the Protector. There is in the city a small hospital, St. Mary's, erected for relief of 7 poor men, endowed with lands granted by lease by the late Dean and Chapter, who were the governors, and the rents 40*l.* reserved to the hospital; but the Dean and Chapter being now removed, the hospital is without government. We beg to be appointed governors, provided we employ the increase of the fines formerly pursed by the deans to increase the maintenance of the poor, after deducting reasonable charges for collecting rents, and repairing the houses now in decay. [1 *sheet,* 31 *signatures.*] With reference thereon to Col. Morley and William Hay, to consider the present state of the hospital, and how the custos-ship would best be placed; their report in favour of the petition, suggesting also that with the surplus, a manufacture might be erected for setting the poor on work, and that persons of known integrity should take the accounts yearly. 13 June 1655; order thereon that his Highness wishes to be satisfied about the foundation of the hospital, and the leases and estates now in being, and will then be ready to gratify the corporation 9 July 1655; and further reference of the petition, report, particular survey, and foundation charter, to Council. 30 Oct. 1655. [2 *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

12. I. *Survey and estimate of the yearly value of the lands and houses belonging to St. Mary's, Chichester; total,* 235*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.; quit-rents payable by freeholders,* 7*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.; and rents reserved by leaseholders,* 35*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* [4 *columns.*]

12. II. *Confirmation of the foundation charter of Chichester hospital by Queen Elizabeth.* [6¼ *sheets, Latin.*]

[Jan. 3.] **13, 14.** Petition of the mayor, aldermen, &c., of Chichester, to Council, to be constituted governors of the old decayed hospital of St. Mary's in place of the late Dean and Chapter, the poor having no one to take care of them and their estate. Have petitioned his Highness, and promised to employ the whole revenue for the poor, erecting, with the overplus, by fines, rents, &c., which were detained by former governors, a manufacture to set the poor on work. Signed Hen. Peckham. [2 *copies.*]

Jan. 3. Reference of the petition and papers to Wolsley, Mulgrave, Strickland, and Rous, to consider and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 750.]

[Jan. 3.] **15.** Petition of Ralph Eve, Edw. Storey, and Hen. Ashurst, citizens of London, and other creditors of the late John Lucas of Hungerford, Berks, to the Protector, for satisfaction from his estate of several great sums which he owed, he having been condemned and executed for being engaged in the late insurrection. With reference of this petition and that of Jehosaphat Lucas to Council. 30 Oct. 1655. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. Reference in Council of the two said petitions to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 451.] *Annexing,*

15. I.–XIV. *Affidavits before Lord Chief Baron Steele and Baron Tomlyns, June–September* 1656, *of debts due by John Lucas to* 14 *deponents.* [*Parchment slips.*]

15. XV. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners certifying the above affidavits, but forbearing any opinion, the relief of the petitioners being merely a matter of grace.* 14 *Jan.* 1656–7. [2 *pages.*]

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4. The Scotch Committee to consider Gen. Monck's letter of Dec. 22, just read.

5. Rous, Strickland, Wolsley, Pickering, Mulgrave, and Lisle, to consider the charge exhibited by the Earl of Newport against Mrs. Porter about his daughter, Lady Anne Blount, and report.

6. The return from Gen. Monck and the referees appointed by him to survey the Berwick fortifications, and the letter from Lieut.-Col. Mayer, governor there, referred to the Committee for Scotch Affairs.

7. The petition of John Matthew, mariner, concerning differences between him and Nich. Redwood, master of the Elizabeth of

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Dartmouth,—which begot a suit in the Admiralty Court, whence sentence being passed against the petitioner, he appealed to the delegates, where the cause yet remains, and alleging that John Daniel, an important witness of his, has just returned from captivity under the Turks,—referred to the judges delegate, to consider the case, and allow him the benefit of the said witness.

8. The petition and papers of the merchants and owners of the ship Report, sunk by the Ruby on Jan. 17, 1653–4, signed by Thos. Forth for himself and those interested, referred to the Committee for Petitions.

9. The Committee on the collection for the Protestants in Piedmont to consider several letters and proceedings returned, and an express from his Highness's agent at Geneva, now read. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 450–1.]

Jan. 4. **16.** Petition of the Governor, Associates, and Fellowship of the Eastland merchants to the Protector. We cannot express due acknowledgment of the favour we have lately enjoyed, by your unparallelled action in recovering 22 full laden ships detained in Denmark, by which many who had else been ruined will record to posterity the interposition of so great wisdom in rescuing their goods out of unjust hands, and removing obstructions in trade for the universal good of the nation.

We now address you for further improvement of the trade into the Baltic seas, which, though formerly regarded with extraordinary favour, has lately suffered for want of good regulation; since the irregularity or obstinacy of any one of the traders (which we have no power to remedy) renders the exactest course we can take ineffectual, so that a licentious and confused kind of commerce is now exercised, according to humour or private interest, without respect to the public, and thus the trade is reduced very low.

We beg your assent to and confirmation of our former powers, or such other regulations as may enable us to support and advance the trade, and to regain the privileges in foreign parts which have been purchased with great care and trouble, and are now totally lost. We think the presence here of the Swedish Ambassador may facilitate our redress. We enclose our former articles, which should be renewed. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Representation of the Eastland merchants to the Protector, detailing their discovery of the trade to the Baltic seas* 301 *years ago; their incorporation* 21 *Eliz.; the advantages of an orderly government in the export of cloth, and import of Eastland commodities, hemp, tar, timber, copper, wool, &c., &c., they employing therein* 200 *ships. Also by their foreign residence, they obtain privileges for English abroad, and* 10 *years ago, by negociations with the King of Denmark, removed obstructions to trade through the Sound. Details of the mischiefs that have ensued through suspension of their incorporation, debased manufactures, diminished imports, strengthening of foreign trade, loss of*

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security for English abroad, &c.. Their incorporation cannot be called a monopoly, as it admits merchants of Hull, Plymouth, Bristol, and other towns, and they request its renewal, in order—

1. *To rescue the trade from the hands of strangers.*
2. *To hinder the making of foreign and advance that of English draperies.*
3. *To prevent foreign shipping, and promote English navigation.*
4. *To furnish reasonably a constant supply of naval stores.*
5. *To renew the import of corn, and prevent its export by strangers.*
6. *To recover and preserve the estates of factors dying abroad, and other foreign privileges now lost; to raise money for payment of debts and charges of trade, and to preserve it for the advantage of the nation. With reference thereon to the Committee for Trade. [4¾ pages.]*

4 Jan. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, but on which no orders were given by Council. Those marked *a* are noted as referred to a sub-Committee, those marked *b* as not referred.

Mayor and Aldermen of Gloucester. Their cathedral or college church, the only place for religious meetings, is ruinous, and the two parish churches also. Beg that they may be united, and the college church be the only parochial church for both. Also that the patronage thereof, and of the school, and all void ground adjoining not disposed of, and the tithes and parochial profits may be settled on them and their successors, and that they may receive the 101*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* reprized out of the Dean and Chapter's lands, and a rent of 2*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* for a schoolmaster and charitable uses. Referred to the Trustees for uniting parishes (*a*). [*No.* 396.]

Thos. Johnson, for a brief for a fire in Wisbeach (*a*). [*No.* 398.]

Edw. Ayscough and Youring Colvin, a stranger of Denmark, for restitution of a deposit on their ship, one of 3 belonging to Norway, stopped in the Thames in Oct. 1652, on the King of Denmark's stopping English ships in the Sound, but discharged on depositing their value in the Admiralty Court; submitted (*b*). [*No.* 399.]

Capt. Owen Cox, for further relief and employment. Regained the Phœnix from the Dutch, lost 400*l.* in the Bonadventure, and was wounded in the Constant Warwick; the 500*l.* ordered hardly countervails his losses and charge of cure; has 6 children and no employment. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners (*a*). [*No.* 401.]

Cornet Chris. Bodley, for an order to Mr. Garret to state his account as lieutenant and cornet in England, before his marching into Scotland; submitted (*b*). [*No.* 403.]

Anne Smith and Christian Collins, for payment of the moneys due for their husbands' pay in Jamaica (*b*). [*No.* 404.]

Mary Turner, that her husband, to whom she brought 500*l.*, may be ordered to pay 200*l.* promised out of her estate, for which she is liable to arrest; submitted (*a*). [*No.* 405.]

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John Lyneall, for payment with arrears of an ancient stipend of 8*l.* a year due from the Exchequer to the curate of the Castle church near Stafford; was curate 30 years; his Highness ordered Fauconberg to pay, but it is in arrears since March 1654, and he is poor and has a large family; submitted (*b*). [*No.* 406.]

Joan, widow of Capt. Shafto, with the officers and soldiers of Holy Island. Have received by order of Parliament 395*l.* of their arrears out of Sir Thos. Hagerston's estate; beg payment of 600*l.* still due, from discoveries in co. Durham, in the hands of persons named, and an order to the County Commissioners to receive and determine them. Treasury Commissioners to examine the debt, and allow it out of discoveries. [*No.* 407.]

Alice, Lady Philips, on behalf of the children of Col. Sir Wm. Parsons, for payment of 798*l.* 15*s.* arrears, balance of 10*l.* a week ordered by Parliament to Col. Parsons out of Goldsmiths' Hall, till 1,748*l.* 15*s.* is paid, but the Treasury is changed. Referred to Treasury Commissioners (*a*). [*No.* 408.]

Rich. Lee, for a commission to Col. Fras. Hacker, Majors John Goodman and John Pratt, and 5 others to survey Wigston's hospital [Leicester]. "To be so reported" (*b*). [*No.* 409.]

John Trethewy, of the Inner Temple, gentleman, for leave to stay in town, the proclamation notwithstanding (*b*). [*No.* 410.]

Sir Edw. Caple, to be in the same condition with others in like case. Had 200*l.* a year as standard bearer to the late King's pensioners, and had a warrant for 200*l.* for 1649. Has continued in Parliament quarters. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 411.]

Thos. Davis and Wm. Bolton, gunmakers, for leave to transport 4,000 birding pieces to Barbary, on security not to be sent elsewhere. To be reported (*b*). [*No.* 412.]

John Jones and Thos. Marshall, of Rye, for payment of 22*l.* 17*s.* and 8*l.* 8*s.*, which they paid by order of his Highness and Council for French prisoners. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*No.* 413.]

Joshua Fugell. Brings articles of misdemeanour and breach of trust against Rich. Dike, master keeper of Newgate. Referred to the Recorder, Sir Chris. Pack, and Ald. Ireton, to certify, and the articles to be delivered to the prosecutor. [*No.* 532.]

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3. The Committee on Col. Harvey's business about the Custom House account to send for John Smith, to prosecute on his Highness's behalf the Custom House account in the Exchequer.

4. Order on report on the petition of John Hamilton [*see* 2 Jan. 1655-6], confirming and approving the sentence of his ejection from Hurworth rectory. *Annexing,*

17. *Report alluded to, signed by Strickland, Jones, and Wolsley.* [1 *page.*]

5. The Lord Deputy of Ireland, Rous, Wolsley, and Lambert, added to Fiennes, Pickering, Strickland, Lisle, Sydenham, Jones, and Mulgrave, the former Committee for matters concerning the distressed Protestants in Savoy.

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6. The following added to the Committee concerning collections for the distressed Protestants in Piedmont, which is to meet at 2 next Monday in the Queen's Chamber, Whitehall, viz.:—

Lord Richard Cromwell.
John Crew.
Lord Chief Justice Glynn.
Lord Chief Justice St. John.
Lord Chief Baron.
Lord Commissioner Whitelock.
Lord Commissioner Widdrington.
Mr. Pierrepoint.
Wm. Ashurst.
Thos. Grove.
Col. John Bright.
Col. Wm. Purefoy.
Maj. Wm. Packer.
Danl. Dike.
Col. Bridges.
Col. John Bridges of co. Worcester.
Geo. Griffith.
Peter Sterry.
Nich. Lockyer.

8. Ald. John Ireton, Wm. Purefoy, and Godfrey Boseville added to the Trade Committee.

9. Approval of augmentation granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Batley, and of 30*l.* to Attercliffe, Sheffield, both co. York.

10. To advise the said Trustees to allow Mr. Smalwood, minister of Batley, co. York, an addition of 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to bring his augmentation up to 70*l.* a year.

11. Order on report on the petition of Thos. Lamb [*see* 25 Dec. 1655], that the interest for the second ½ of the purchase money of part of Lord Craven's estate be remitted, and that time be given for paying in the said moiety of 1,511*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* till Christmas 1656 and Christmas 1657; meanwhile the estate is not to be sequestrated for non-payment, and a new conveyance is to be made of the premises, the former not being enrolled. *Annexing,*

18, 18. I. *Report alluded to, and draft thereof.* [2 *papers.*]

18. II. *Certificate by Jas. Borradale, cashier, that John Clark contracted for Elstone Manor, co. Gloucester, paid the first ½, but the second ½, viz.,* 1,511*l.* 3*s.* 4¾*d. is still due at Drury House, with interest.* [⅔ *page.*]

12. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders of 1 Jan. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 452–4.]

Jan. 4. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Richard Cromwell and the rest of the Committee. You are appointed a member of the Committee on the distressed Protestants in Piedmont, and as there are matters of importance to be communicated to that Committee's consideration, you are to meet at 2 next Monday in the Queen's Guard Chamber, Whitehall, to advise and assist in a business wherein the glory of God and the Protestant religion is so much concerned. [*I.* 76, *p.* 453.]

Jan. 5. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders, 26 Dec. 1655, and 1 and 2 Jan. 1665–6. [*I.* 76, *p.* 454.]

Jan. 8. Note of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Henry, Lord Herbert, and Wm. Minheire, for satisfaction as granted to Mr. Bachelor, for lands of the Earl of Worcester settled by Act of Parliament 16 July 1651 on Lord Herbert, discharged of rents, which formerly amounted to 90*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*; also for trial at law thereon. Referred to Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Strickland, and on 12 Feb. to the Committee for Obstructions, to report what satisfaction is to be made to the petitioners. [*I.* 92, *Nos.* 358, 455; *I.* 76, *p.* 457.]

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1. To insert these words into the order of Dec. 27 last concerning Ed. Darcy, viz., "till the Maj.-General or Commissioners of the county have considered the case."

2. The Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Kent to forbear to levy money on Darcy's estate till his case has been examined.

4. Order on report that the petitions of John Lloyd, John Roberts Griffith Jones, Geffrey Parry, and Richard Ap Robert Ap Evan—concerning suits against them by Col. John Bodvill, of Bodvill, co. Carmarthen, a great delinquent and member of the Long Parliament, who deserted his trust, are as represented,—that they be sent to the Maj.-General of North Wales, to examine the matters, and give the petitioners such relief as stands with justice. Also to enquire how Col. Bodvill's estate, being in the Act for Sale, came to be cleared, on pretence of his being within articles, and what fraud was used therein, and to certify. *Annexing,*

19. *Report alluded to, signed by Montague and Sydenham, that the only way of relief they can hear of is an appeal to the Barons of Exchequer for indemnity, which could not be done till after a verdict on trial at law, and would be more grievous than the remedy would recompense.* [⅔ *page.*]

5. Order—on report from the Committee on the report of the Treasury Commissioners concerning augmentations to ministers formerly paid out of sequestration money, the payment whereof was suspended by the Ordinance of June 20, 1654, for all sequestration money to be sent in to the Exchequer—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, from the revenue settled by that Ordinance, pay such ministers as the Treasury Commissioners shall certify to have had augmentations granted them their dues, both for augmentations and arrears, provided the ministers be approved by the Committee for Approbation of Preachers. Till this be done, no fresh augmentations to be granted. The receivers in the several counties to send in a list of all augmentations claimed out of sequestered estates, and meantime to pay the augmentations and arrears as formerly. Also to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to order the receivers to make these payments. When the trustees make other provision for the ministers, they are to signify it to the Treasury Commissioners, who will order the receivers to desist from further payments. Approved 6 Feb.

6. Approval of an augmentation of 50*l.* granted from the tithes of Afpudle, co. Dorset, to George Thorne, minister of Melcombe Regis, to enable him to provide an assistant minister at Radipole.

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7. Order on report on the petition of John Lenthall [*see* 5 *July* 1655] that Mr. Jessop, clerk of the Council, tell him, as the Council's answer, that they do not at present know of any vacant employment suitable for him. *Annexing,*

> **20.** *Report of the Treasury Commissioners that Lenthall's father, being Master of the Rolls, made him one of the* 6 *clerks in Chancery, of which he had a freehold for life, but for the late Ordinance, and that he desires satisfaction by some other employment, but cannot find any.* 27 *July* 1655. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

8. A servant maid of Mr. Porter's, now in the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, to be set at liberty.

10. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 3,000*l.* for Council's contingencies to Frost, who is therefrom to pay the messengers' bills and the salaries of the clerks, messengers, and officers of Council.

11, 12. To advise a patent to John Embree, surveyor, for a salary of 300*l.* for the past year, and the like in future. Also a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 4,000*l.* towards payment of the workmen employed in the service.

13. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners of a letter from Capt. Robt. Vessey, commander of the Nightingale,—certifying that the Governor of Belle Isle, in the French dominion, on Dec. 15, 1655, harboured Capt. Dillon, a pirate against the State, and protected his ship, and a prize he had taken belonging to the merchants of Kinsale, from Vessey, who had pursued and fought with him, and would otherwise have destroyed him, which proceedings are contrary to the articles between England and France—to advise that his Highness represent the same to the King of France, that justice may be done.

15. Mulgrave, Lambert, Sydenham, Fleetwood, and Wolsley to consider the Spanish merchants' desire concerning the price of Spanish wines, and consult with them thereon.

16. The petitions of the French merchants and wine coopers concerning the price of wines not to be referred to the same Committee.

17. Maj.-Gen. Berry to be Maj.-General of South Wales and co. Monmouth, and to have his commission accordingly.

18. To advise his Highness to give Maj.-Gen. Berry warrants to appoint Col. Rowland Dawkins and Lieut.-Col. John Nicholas, Governor of Chepstow Castle, to act as his deputies in South Wales and Monmouth. Approved in person.

19. The draft of instructions offered by Desborow to be given by him to Maj. Ludlow, Capt. Burgess, and Capt. Scotten for co. Wilts; Capts. Dewy and Southwood, and Edw. Butler for co. Dorset; and Maj. Wade, Capts. Crofts and Willington for co. Gloucester, read, altered, and approved, viz.;

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INSTRUCTIONS BY MAJ.-GEN. DESBOROW.

1. You are to cause everyone within your charge who has borne arms against the State, or lives dissolutely or without a calling, or at a high rate, having no visible estate answering thereunto, to give bond in a sum fit according to his quality for his Highness's use.
2. Every master of a family or householder having servants is to give security by his own bond.
3. You are to keep a list of all giving such security, and return their names, quality, places of abode, and sums, to the registrar of London.
4. On notice given you of any robbery, murder, or breach of the peace, summon those suspected, and use your utmost power to find them out.
5. No house standing alone outside a town is to be allowed to sell beer, ale, or wine, or to give entertainment; all such licenses to be called in and the houses suppressed.
6. You are to require security from all who have been in arms against the Commonwealth, or shown eminent disaffection with the present Government, and who keep taverns, that they will send in to you from time to time an account of the names and addresses of such as frequent their taverns.
7. You shall, with your troop, or with other forces in your county, endeavour to suppress all tumults, insurrections, and rebellious or unlawful assemblies.
8. You shall disarm all Papists who have in any way proved themselves disaffected, and stow their arms in a safe place for the State's use, keeping a list thereof.
9. You are to direct your soldiers to try to find out all thieves, robbers, highwaymen, and other dangerous persons, and secure them and bring them before yourself or a justice of peace, promising the soldiers an allowance for each one convicted; and you are to order the high-sheriff to pay them what you think fit, not exceeding 10*l.* on each convict.
10. You are to observe the behaviour of all the disaffected, and what meetings they hold, and to suppress such as are dangerous; also to suppress all horse-races, cock-fighting, bear-baiting, stage-plays, or other unlawful assemblies, by seizing the persons met on such occasions.
11. You are to consider how any not having visible estates may be compelled to work, or sent out of the Commonwealth, and to try to set the poor on to work, and provide for the impotent according to law, and to report obstructions to his Highness and Council, that they may be removed.
12. You are, by your constant carriage and conversation, to promote godliness and discourage profaneness; and you and the ministers and officers so intrusted are to take care that

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the laws against drunkenness, blasphemy, and swearing, plays and interludes, profaning the Lord's day, and such wickedness, be effectually executed, and to send up to the justices of the peace the names of such as shall be remiss herein.

13, 14. You are to promote the work of ejecting scandalous ministers and schoolmasters, and to prevent the disturbance of any godly minister in discharge of his duty.

20. The draft of a deputation, to be given by Gen. Desborow to Capt. John Arthur for Weymouth, Maj. Skutt for Poole, and John Eyres for Lyme, being ports within his counties, read and approved.

21. Blank form of the letter of deputation, with instructions to the deputies :—

1. You shall take care that all who after Dec. 1, 1655, come here from beyond seas shall, within 24 hours of landing, give in to such persons as the Maj.-General or deputy of that port shall appoint, their names and the places where they are going, which shall be entered in a book; if they are going to London or Westminster, engage them within 24 hours of their arrival personally to report themselves before the registrar of the city, giving their names, where they come from, what their business is, and the parish, street, and house where they intend to live; and if they be foreigners, the names of their correspondents there also. If they have before been in arms against the State or banished, they must report any change of lodging.

   If any shall neglect to do this, or shall make false statements, they shall be imprisoned during pleasure.

   That all may know this, those reporting themselves are to be informed of the penalty, and a copy of this order is to be set up in all custom houses.

2. You are from time to time to return to the registrar all the names and particulars given in to you, and also the appearance of the persons; and if the person come not to London, the registrar shall report the case to the Maj.-General in charge of the place where he is going.

The same Committee to compare these instructions with those formerly given to the Majors General, and pen the same suitable thereunto, that they may be transmitted to the Majors General.

22. Jones reports an additional instruction to be executed by the Commissioners in the several counties, which was read and laid aside.

23. Another additional instruction, after one amendment, passed.

24. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the sons and executors of Sir Peter Richaut, about a stay of proceedings as to passing their securities on their letters of reprisal against the King and subjects of Spain—that in all such cases, the Admralty Judges issue the letters of marque according to the respective warrants, on sufficient security for performance.

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25. The Committee on several petitions for exemption from delinquency penalties to consider a declaration of what Lord Grey acted upon Henry Neville to make him a delinquent, and to report.

26. The same Committee to consider the petition of Sir Francis Fane, K.B., and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 454–460.]

Jan. 9. **21.** Petition of the trustees and contractors for sale of Crown lands and fee farm rents to the Protector, that John Wheatley, who has always faithfully acted as deputy to their registrar, Hen. Colbron, appointed by Act of Parliament, and now dead, may succeed him, and carry on the remaining work, for though the lands, &c., are chiefly sold, much business remains in the completing of the contracts. 9 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 9. Order in Council, on a petition of John Wheatley to like effect, that Scobell enquire into the fitness of the person, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 463 ; *I.* 92, *No.* 524.]

Jan. 9. **22.** Petition of John, Marquis of Winchester, to the Protector. Has received a summons from Colonel Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, and Maj.-General for Middlesex, to give security for himself and his servants; and also a summons from Colonel Goffe, Maj.-General of Hants, to attend him, and bring in a particular of his estate, which, by Act of 16 July 1651, was sold by the Trustees for Sale, since when neither he nor any for him has been possessed thereof. Is a prisoner in execution in the Upper Bench, for 2,000*l.* debts, and is utterly unable to give security as required. Begs dispensation therefrom. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 9. Order thereon in Council that the Majors General proceed in this case according to their instructions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 463.]

Jan. 9. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Margaret, widow of Edw. Rood, for an order to certify the sum due for the arrears of her pension of 15*s.* a week, granted by his Highness, but the sum not being stated, the Treasury Commissioners do not pay it. Order in Council that—as by certificate from Goldsmiths' Hall, whence the pension was formerly paid, the arrears are 21*l.*, being from 9 Jan. to 17 July 1655—a warrant be issued for payment of the said sum. [*I.* 92, *No.* 445 ; *I.* 76, *p.* 465.]

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1. An entry to be made in the Close Rolls in Chancery, to the effect that on June 15, 1655, Nath. Fiennes and John Lisle having been made Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, had the same delivered to them by his Highness at his privy lodgings, Whitehall, and took the oaths appointed. Approved 15 Jan.

2. Maj.-Gen. Barkstead, Lieut.-Col. White, and Ed. Cressett, to consider the petition of Rich. Pight, clerk of the irons and surveyor of the melting house of the Mint, to learn the services he has done by discovering false coiners, what should be paid him for his past charge therein and for the future, and how his proposals therein may best be carried out.

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3. A report from the Scotch Committee of an additional instruction for the Council in Scotland, and the drafts of 2 letters for the said Council, in answer to theirs of Oct. 11 and 23, Nov. 27, and Dec. 20, read and agreed to, and to be sent.

4. Additional instruction to the Council in Scotland:—You are authorised to grant indemnity in the Highlands to such as you shall see cause and judge to be for the public good, against all molestations for thefts, robberies, &c., committed during the late war. Approved 9 Jan.

6. A signet to be provided for Scotland, and Thos. Simons, the engraver, to prepare it. Approved 11 Jan.

7. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of York concerning Sherborne School and Hospital, that Robt. Hungate, by his will of May 10, 1619, bequeathed for the foundation of a hospital there certain debts, leases, &c., with which his executors were to purchase lands in fee simple, and in 5 years build a school, which was to maintain 24 orphans, directing by whom and from whence they were to be chosen; that this was done, and the yearly sum of 203*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid, the overplus after his death remaining to his executors, Sir William and Margery Hungate, his nephew and niece, whose present heir is Sir Philip Hungate, but he, being in arms against Government, had his lands forfeited, which deprived the hospital of their part of the fee simple—that the Trustees for Sale of forfeited Lands convey the fee simple to the said mayor and aldermen, on trust for the uses named in the will. Approved 11 Jan.

9. Order—on report from the Committee on the business of Sandwich—that the Lords Warden of the Cinque Ports prepare a fit settlement of the matter, and offer it for Council's approbation.

10. The petition of Griffin Howard and Mary his wife, with the report annexed, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

13, 14. Order—on an estimate sent in by Thos. Willoughby and John Tippetts, at request of Col. Rich. Norton, Governor of Portsmouth, of the repairs necessary in the garrison, as detailed, and at Southsea Castle and Portsea, which will cost 3 times the sum unless done at once—that 150*l.* be paid to Willoughby therefor, to be issued by order of Col. Norton. Approved 6 Feb.

15. Order that the Admiralty Commissioners give warrant for the timber required for the said repairs. *Annexing,*

23. *Estimate by Willoughby and Tippetts alluded to, of repairs needful in the Square Tower, Round Tower,* 3 *gates, the bulwarks, moat, walls, and the earthworks and drawbridge at Portsea; total* 305*l.* 19 *Dec.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

16. Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, Skippon, Fleetwood, and Lisle, to consider what repairs are necessary at Portsmouth and other garrisons, and to report from time to time.

18. To advise a warrant to pay from the Army's contingencies 5*l.* beside the 5*l.* allowed 25 Oct. 1655, to Col. Wm. Arnop, for fire and candles for the guard at Whitehall.

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19. Lambert to appoint a fit person to oversee the expense of fire and candle for the guards of horse and foot about London and Westminster, and to give in his name, that he may be furnished with money. Approved 11 Jan.

21. Mr. Sheapeard to have 300*l.* a year for his services, till some certain employment is conferred on him, and Lambert and Strickland to consider how this salary may best be settled. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 460–5.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President of the Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council approve the purport of your letter of Oct. 23, 1655, and empower you accordingly to dispose of the 2,000*l.* remaining of the 2,500*l.* to be paid by Mac Cloud, as far as it will go, in making reparation to those who have suffered for their fidelity to Government, and are within the proclamation of 1654, and the estates of those who have been in arms and are not under articles shall be liable to pay what more is wanted. You are to send us, for further direction therein, their names, value of their estates, and sums proposed to be levied.

As to your letter of Nov. 27, Council empowers you to dispose of the 640*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* mentioned, for the maintenance of such godly ministers as shall be invited into Scotland, till further provision be made. Approved 9 Jan. [*I.* 76, *p.* 461.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President of Council in Scotland. In answer to your letter of Oct. 11, concerning the recovery of part of the State revenue, which has been concealed, detained, or made away with, Council notes your great care in prosecuting your instructions thereon, and the difficulties you suggest therein. On the whole, they incline for the settling of the matter in the Exchequer Court, which will be set up in Scotland as in England, restricting them to settling matters concerning parts of the revenue made away by King James and the last King contrary to law, and to profits belonging to bishops or any part of the hierarchy unduly alienated. But as we have not here a copy of the Act of Parliament alluded to in yours, we refer it to you to prepare the draft of an Ordinance to set up the said court in the best way, and report it, with a copy of the Act; also to expedite the settlement of the receipt of Exchequer. Approved 9 Jan. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 461–2.]

[Jan. 9.] **24.** Statement that by Act of April 1653, the fees for Probate of Wills go to the Treasury, after paying necessary officers; that there are more than 21 clerks who have very large fees, by a table made in June 1653, and a registrar with fees of 2,000*l.* a year, who takes the place of an actuary at 300*l.*; that half the number of officers might do the work. Suggestion whether his Highness will commit it to some well meriting persons, who shall pay him one-third of the fees now allowed, and the rest of the fees go to the officers. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 9. **25.** Proceedings for better regulating wills and administrations, so as to ease the people, augment the Treasury, &c. On several petitions

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Jan. 9. to members of the last Parliament it was their opinion that there was no better way than the following:—

(1.) To nominate commissioners and registrars or clerks in every county, being public notaries, to receive the wills, preserving the originals with the ancient records, and to perform their office, so that searches may be made and caveats entered, and to cause the said administrations, wills, and inventories to be fairly engrossed, and sent together with the fees to some place in London appointed by the Lords Commissioners, to be there examined by two persons elected by them, sealed, and returned without delay.

All moneys will thus be paid at one place in London, and a weekly account rendered to the Treasury. If settled in a provincial way, as at York, Exeter, and London, there will be trouble and charge in bringing the money to London after it is raised.

Or should all wills, &c., still continue to be sent to London, two-thirds are sent by attorneys, who will not take less than 40*s.* or 50s., commonly as much more as the fees come to, which the people cannot avoid.

(2.) On any legacy being refused to be paid by an administrator, the legatee may enter suit in the registrar's office of that county. The registrar shall send a breviate to a proctor to draw up articles, and a monition under seal to the party principal, to appear before the Commissioners, and be examined by the registrar, who is also to examine all other witnesses within three months, and transmit their answers, &c., to the judges for Probate of Wills, for publication and sentence without appeal.

Thus little trouble will arise to the parties on either side, their witnesses being examined in their own county; there will be little bribery and no delay, and the cost to the parties less than now.

(3.) Let coercive power be appointed instead of excommunication, whether by distress or sequestration, to commence from the time of the extirpation of bishops. Thereby all may be brought in, as accounts, letters of tutelship, &c., that children in their minority may be provided for. The revenue, now 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.* a year, would soon yield $\frac{1}{3}$ more. Should licenses be granted again for marriages, which now are acted after a strange manner,—howsoever causes for marriages, divorcements, and tithes may be granted, which is the most legal way for proceedings thereon,—it would augment the Treasury as much more as the profit now made.

All which may be easily regulated if the clerks appointed to receive wills from every county, and to perfect them here, be sent down into every county to perfect them there, and if two examiners be appointed here in London to receive the wills with the fees, and to see they are made right, the seal being ready to seal them.

There is little alteration here set down from the way that now is, or from the way formerly used. [2 *sheets.*]

Jan. 9. **26.** Jas. Morley to Lord Deputy Fleetwood. I am very troublesome, but my case is sad, if not remediless, unless you help me. My petition, which I hear is now in your hands, will state my case, and I will make no alteration for fear of delay [*See* 2 Jan. 1655–6]. But I believe Newton on Ouse, forfeited as my brother's, was my father's, by a 50 years' lease, still in being, and the administrator will probably recover it in the Exchequer; therefore the Protector would only grant me the reversion of that and 13*l.* a year, entailed on Normanby, co. York, but I would have the patent full for the whole estate, that I may make better terms with Col. Medford, my father's administrator, and a subtle man. The thing if gained will not compensate my charges, besides 11 voyages to England about it. [1 *page. Copy sent enclosed to Geo. Hewett.*]

Jan. $\frac{10}{20}$. Calais. **27.** Col. R. W. to [Sec. Nicholas]. My letters have been sent by Zealand. I have yours of the 4th, and shall expect no more here, though as yet I hear nothing of my pass. If it come not within a few days, I shall try and go without it. I hear from England that while others enjoyed their Christmas with mirth and freedom, Cromwell doubled his guards of horse and foot, on either real or pretended fears of the Anabaptists, who have been active and bold in feeling the pulse of several officers of the army. Some say (but it is thought a fable) that they have lately tampered with his barber to make short work with him, but they certainly hope to destroy him by prayer, which (as they say) was the way they raised him. Simpson, with one or two other fierce Levites, and a cornet of Harrison's regiment, are made prisoners on this account.

Ludlow, after his close imprisonment at Beaumaris, was brought before Council on the charge of not acknowledging the present power; he refuses to give bond to be faithful to it, yet he is set at liberty, and has leave to go about the country, to ensnare him (as is believed). When Cromwell, lest he should disturb him during his absence in Scotland, made him Lieutenant-General of the Irish horse, a friend called to congratulate him, when his reply was that he must needs go whom the devil drives; so you see the jealousy between them.

The poor orthodox clergy have passed a Sunday in silence; the old Bishop of Armagh has been with Cromwell, but to little purpose, though he had some Court holy-water, a dinner, and a confirmation of church leases in Ireland.

It is said Cromwell will re-establish the Salters' Hall Committee to force prisoners for debt to satisfy their engagements by sale of their estates. It has been suppressed for some abuses this year or two. When it has new powers, the design will be to purchase debtors' lands at easy rates for Cromwell, by means of Nowell, a scrivener. I believe this because some King's Bench prisoners are severely dealt with, and it is said the Earl of Kildare is put amongst the common sort in that house.

Those gentlemen taken coming from mass at the Venetian Ambassador's house, and sent prisoners to Hicks' Hall, were many

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of them released on security, by the Lieutenant of the Tower, who went thither next day.

The Straits' fleet is making ready, but the best ships are to be sheathed, so that it will be 6 weeks before they can put to sea. Col. Montague, one of the Council, is to have equal power with Blake for the Straits. Several are nominated, but none decided on for the West India command. Six small vessels are building to ply about Dunkirk and Flanders, and one is building which will carry at least 90 guns.

P.S.—A son of Col. Marsh who lately came from England and lives with Mr. Loving, has brought a large M.S. of all the proceedings of the last King's murder, wherein is much that you have never seen. Mr. Loving may now be in your parts, and you may like a transcript of the book. *Endorsed.* Received $\frac{3}{13}$ Feb. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. $\frac{11}{21}$. Cologne. **28.** E. N. [Sec. Nicholas] to Mr. Jane, Englishman, Youffrou Street, Hague. I have yours of the 18th. I wonder what those that dislike the King's proceedings would have him do, as affairs now stand between France and Cromwell. They are so mad against some that they would rather the King's business should miscarry than prosper in such hands. I think it were much better for the King to be restored by the King of Spain than the King of France, holding a real and cordial alliance with Spain much more for the advantage of England than the friendship of France, which has always been pernicious.

I assure you (but take not notice of it from me) that the Levellers have had their envoys in Spain, and have an agency in Flanders. I think it is by their hypocritical dealing that the King of Spain has been induced to move with so slow a pace in the war against Cromwell, wherein the Spaniard will soon find himself grossly abused, and Don Alonso will be doubly cosened. Though the Spaniards are generally great assisters of monarchy, yet they prefer England as a republic, because it is so contrary to the nature of the English that it would keep them embroiled in perpetual divisions. When the King of Spain prosecutes the war against Cromwell vigorously, he will find it his interest to embrace the King's righteous quarrel, but till open war, he will not much heed what the King says about his interest in England. He is the more backward because he thinks the King too much inclined to France.

I hope the Princess Royal's journey will be more to her content than some imagine. I am glad the agreement between the two princesses [Princess Royal and Princess Dowager of Orange] is so well settled. Mr. Boswell is gone as one of the Princess's train. I marvel how he got means to fit himself for the journey. He may at Paris be allowed to wait on the Duke of Gloucester, in Mr. Griffith's absence. My Lord Lieutenant [Ormond] is expected next week. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 11. **29.** Petition of Henry Wilson to Council. He and 35 soldiers in co. Notts raised both horse and arms at their own expense, during the late insurrection at Salisbury. They were under Capt. Geo. Palmer for one month, and were then disbanded without any satisfaction. Coming to London for redress, by means of Commissary-General Whalley, gained a warrant from the Council to Mr. Frost, the treasurer, for payment of 54*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, but Frost says he has no money to discharge it. Has petitioned the Treasury Commissioners, who say they require a warrant from Council. Begs the warrant, and consideration of his 10 weeks' stay and expenses. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 11. Order thereon that, as 210*l.* was ordered to be paid from Council's contingencies to Col. Goffe for recruits [*see* 18 Sept. 1657], a warrant be issued to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Mr. Frost 1,000*l.* from the first moneys that come in, and that he then pay the said 210*l.* and other warrants owing. [*I.* 76, *p.* 467.]

Jan. 11. **30.** Petition of Archibald, Marquis of Argyle, to the Protector, for his approval of articles signed between Gen. Deane on the part of the Parliament of England, and himself, at his house at Inverary in 1652. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Articles alluded to:—1. That the marquis shall do nothing against the Parliament of England, or their forces or authority in Scotland, but live peaceably, endeavour that his children and family do the same, and report to the officer of the next garrison, or the Commander-in-Chief, if any walk otherwise; allowing him, however, to endeavour the establishing of religion according to his conscience.*

2. *He engages that the inhabitants of Argyleshire and all his servants shall deport themselves accordingly.*

3. *Either he or his eldest son, the Lord of Lorne, engage, on a month's notice, to repair to England when required, provided they are not confined to less than 20 miles' compass, and have leave to wait on Parliament and the Council of Scotland.*

4. *Deane thereupon engages that the marquis shall have his liberty, and his estates, lands, and debts free from sequestration, but not from assessments or public burdens, nor his houses, except Inverary and Carrick, free from garrisoning.* 19 *Aug.* 1652. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 11. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to consider the articles, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 468.]

Jan. 11. **31.** Petition of Marg. Lammie to the Protector and Council. Attended the late King's children, and her place, worth 200*l.* a year, was reduced by the late Parliament to 40*l.* a year pension, which is behind 5 years. Begs continuance thereof, and payment of the arrears, or she must starve. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 11. Note of its reading in Council, but no order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 468.]

[Jan. 11.] **32.** Maj.-Gen. Butler to the President of Council. I enclose a particular of the Earl of Devonshire's estate in co. Hunts, subscribed by his own bailiff. His lordship writes me word that we have assessed him at a far greater value than ever he made out of his estate, but the particular was signed by his own bailiff. We could not allow any of the defalcations except two very petty ones, which may well be waived. Oundle, 7 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

32. I. *Particulars of the yearly value of the estate in Sawtry, Ivett, Moygues, and Beames, in* 1654 *; total* 1,568*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, *or with reductions requested but disallowed* 1355*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* ; *tax at* $\frac{1}{10}$, 156*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11. Note of the reading of this letter in Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 468.]

Jan. 11. **33.** Petition of the sheriffs, justices of the peace, and grand jurymen, of cos. Monmouth, Radnor, and Salop, the mayors, aldermen, and common councilmen of Bristol and Hereford, and inhabitants of the Forest of Dean, and the said counties and cities, and parts adjacent, to the Protector.

We are all deeply concerned in the incommodities from the weirs in the rivers Wye and Lugg, and have subscribed petitions and reasons annexed, showing the hindrance to trade and fishing, and the benefits that will accrue by speedy and vigorous redress. We beg an order for destroying the weirs, and making the rivers portable. With reference, 9 June 1654, to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Reasons for making the Wye and Lugg portable :—*

(1.) *That produce and manufactures may be transported, and exchanged for money which is very scarce.*

(2.) *That hundreds of fishermen might be employed if the weirs and engines, which take all and at all times, were removed, as thereby the fishing is almost lost.*

The work can be proved feasible :—

1. *From the judgment of the Commissioners for Sewers, on which the weirs were ordered by Queen Elizabeth and King James to be pulled down, though this was superseded by the influence of the Earl of Worcester and other powerful persons.*
2. *From the nature of the rivers, which are or may be made* 4 *feet deep in the shallowest parts, and thus would carry large vessels.*
3. *Large boats often sail from weir to weir, and then have to unlade into boats on the other side.*
4. *The country has for years presented the weirs as a nuisance at the assizes, and to the late Parliament, though it came not to effect, although it passed the Committee of Obstructions for making rivers portable.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page ; also I.* 92, *No.* 84.]

Jan. 11. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee of Trade, to report what should be done for advancement of trade and other public advantages. [*I.* 76, *p.* 471.]

Jan. 11. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, of their reports, and orders in Council, all in *I.* 76.

Clothiers and woollen manufacturers, for redress of abuses in that trade, and consideration of a bill annexed. Noted to consider whether there be not a committee of trade to which such matters may be referred. Reference thereon to the said Committee, to consult how the abuses may be redressed, and report. [*I.* 92, *No.* 67, *I.* 76, *p.* 470.]

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Jan. 11. Edw. Rigby, for settlement of his plantation in New England, called the Province of Ligonia, granted by patent to his father by the late King. Referred to the Committee for Foreign Plantations. [*No.* 73, *p.* 471.]

Lieut. Rich. Nuttall, for payment of 56*l.* formerly ordered him out of the sequestrations of Cheshire, for disbursements about Crowton garrison, which he supplied with provisions, value 100*l.*, and the deputy-lieutenants ordered the sequestrators of Edisbury, Worrall, and Broxall hundreds, to pay him the balance of 56*l.* out of discoveries. Order on certificate by Major Worsley and Col. Gilb. Ireland of his services and sufferings, that Worsley consider some way of paying him out of Cheshire monies, and certify. [*No.* 78, *p.* 471.]

Phil. Carteret, to be allowed to compound on Jersey articles, and for recompense for the Island of Sark; reported as formerly noticed by the Jersey Committee and not thought fit. Dismissed. [*No.* 83, *p.* 471.]

Capt. Fras. Messervey, for payment of 226*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* due on debentures for arrears for service, on bills stated by the Worcester House Trustees, out of public rents in Jersey, or for liberty to import 200 tuns of French wine, duty free. Dismissed. [*No.* 86, *p.* 471.]

Major Thos. Gent, Lieut.-Col. Edw. Downes, Capt. Rob. Grosvenor, and Capt. John Ley, for the officers and soldiers of co. Stafford, for payment of their arrears out of discoveries to be made before appointed commissioners; report that it should be considered how discoveries may be used to the State's advantage. Referred back to the Committee for Petitions. [*No.* 89, *p.* 471.]

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6. Order—on the certificate of Nich. Hill, a messenger of Council, of his serving an order of Dec. 18 last on Eliz. Maxwell, Countess of Dirleton, who was thereby enjoined to release the arrest against the Marquis of Argyle, which she refused to obey—that she be summoned to attend Council next Tuesday.

7, 8. **34.** Approval of a report from the Committee of Trade and Navigation about the salaries of their officers, and granting 50*l.* for present use to their secretary, towards the charge of necessaries for the Committee.

Wm. Seaman to be secretary at 100*l.* a year.

Thos. Brice and John Martin, clerks, at 50*l.* each.

Jas. Noble, usher, at 40*l.*

Chris. Scriven and Jos. Travers, messengers, at 20*l.* each. Approved 6 Feb. *Annexing,*

34. i. *Report alluded to,* 17 *Dec.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

12. The petition of Robt. Wilkinson, minister at Word, Kent, for liberty to exercise his ministry, on the grounds set forth in a certificate annexed, referred to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, to examine into and report the truth, and meanwhile to stay proceedings against him.

19. Order—on petition of Edw. Atkinson, surgeon to Col. Biscoe's regiment, Thos. Fairfax, his mate, Wm. Fryer, late mate, and 7

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drummers of the regiment—shewing that in Dec. 1654, their regiment was called out of Scotland into England, and ordered to be paid in England, not regarding the Scotch establishment, according to which they had their pay on the muster of Nov. 27, 1654, whereupon Atkinson and Fairfax had their additional pay denied them, and Fryer and the 7 drummers had their whole 6 weeks' pay denied, which facts were certified to be true by Col. Biscoe and Lieut.-Col. Style—that the Army Committee issue warrants for their proper pay according to the establishment for Scotland. Approved 6 Feb.

20. Order—on the petition of Katherine, Countess Dowager of Carnwarth—that it be read again when his Highness and Lord Lambert are present.

24. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the petition of John Freeman, senior, merchant of London, for leave to transport a quantity of saltpetre.

26. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, Jan. 8–11.

27. Order that until the command of troops of horse be assigned to ——— Sedasky and ——— Nelthrop, late Adjutants-General of horse according to the last establishment, their pay be continued at 15*s.* a day; that their arrears since July 23 be paid, and that the Army Committee issue warrants to the War Treasurers accordingly. Approved 6 Feb.

29, 30. Ed. Lawrence, and John St. Barbe, of Brandlands, co. Hants, added to the Trade Committee. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 465–9.]

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Pres. Lawrence to Col. Robt. Guibon, Governor of Jersey. Council hearing that Capt. Francis Messervey, lately supposed to have gone to Jersey, is a person of dangerous principles, we desire your especial watch over him for the safety of the island. [*I.* 76, *p.* 471.]

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35. Petition of the free carmen of London to the Protector. We have long had legal interests in car-rooms, which at our deaths were accounted assets, and have ever been enjoyed by our wives and children. Yet we were subject as other freemen to the city magistrates till 22 Elizabeth, when we were put by the city under the government of the Woodmongers' Company, and in 28 Elizabeth under Christ's Hospital; but in 3 James, we were transferred back to the Woodmongers, who gave bond to pay 150*l.* to Christ's Hospital, which has ever since been exacted from the carmen; and then by sinister means the Woodmongers procured our incorporation with them.

In 21 James, they procured a Star Chamber decree that the car-rooms, which were then 417 in the city and suburbs, should not be our property, but should be disposed of by them. They have dispossessed many free carmen out of their car-rooms, have sold some, taken some from widows and orphans, and raised taxes on car-rooms of 10*s.* and 20*s.* each.

In 1649 we presented our grievances to the Long Parliament, who appointed a Committee, which after several days' hearing reported that we should be distinct from the Woodmongers; and an Act was prepared and twice read, ordering restitution of our car-rooms, but

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Parliament was dissolved before the third reading. The matter was referred by the next Parliament to the Committee for Trade, who after many hearings agreed to the resolution for separation of the companies. Yet the Woodmongers proceed in their tyranny and oppression, arresting some of us and threatening others. We beg relief. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.* 12 *signatures,* 6 *of which are by mark; also I.* 92, *No.* 530.]

Jan. 15. **36.** Petition of John Buck to the Protector. In August 1652, I married Mary, daughter and heiress of the late Wm. Ashton, and was to have with her lands value 240*l.* a year. I bound myself in 1,000*l.* to her mother, Mary, now wife of Edw. Turner, in lieu of the said lands, to settle on his wife and heirs male lands value 1,200*l.* a year. I had a daughter by my wife, but in June 1654, her mother and Joan Ewer, her grandmother, conveyed her away without cause, and keep her so secretly that I cannot discover where she is; they pretend my wife has had another child, but will not say whether male or female, so that a suppositious child may be made my heir, and my estate wasted by the claims of this pretended child.

I beg an order to compel Mary Turner and the other confederates to declare where my wife and the child are, and to prove the birth of the other child on oath. With reference thereon to Council, 1 Aug. 1655. [1 *page, also I.* 92, *No.* 429.]

Jan. 15. Reference thereon by Council to Mulgrave, Jones, Strickland, Rous, Lambert, and Fiennes, to examine and certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 472.]

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1, 3. John Claypole, Master of Horse to his Highness, and John Barnard added to the Trade Committee. Approved 19 Jan.

6. Copies of the instructions presented to Council on behalf of the East India Company, according to the arbitration between them and Ald. Fowke, to be sent to Fowke.

8. Order on report on the petition of the mayor and corporation of Chichester—[*see* 5 *Jan.* 1655–6] that the hospital was ancient and was confirmed by Queen Elizabeth to consist of a master or custos and 5 poor people, the master to be elected by a prebendary of the cathedral, and the men by the dean and master alternately; the master to have 8*l.* a year, and each man 8*d.* a week, and to be regulated by the dean and chapter, &c.—that the mayor and aldermen have the governance, employing all the money in repairs or charitable uses, taking no fines on new leases, and giving in accounts to such persons as his Highness shall appoint. *Annexing,*

37. *Report on which the said order was founded, signed by Mulgrave and Rous.* [1½ *pages.*]

9. Order to request his Highness to grant the same by patent, and that the statutes for government of the hospital may be amended by persons to be appointed. Approved 6 Feb.

10. Approval by the Protector of an order of Jan. 9. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 471–3.]

Jan. 16. Note of a petition referred 11 July 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of the inhabitants of New Buckenham, co. Norfolk, for

1655–6. liberty to present a minister, and for an increase of his maintenance. Noted "case extraordinary, and to be recommended to the trustees."—Order in Council that Mr. Rous be added to the Committee of Council to whom it was referred to consider the paper from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers concerning augmentations to several places, and to take care of that business. [*I.* 92, *No.* 155; *I.* 76, *p.* 475.]

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1. Approval by the Protector of an order of 11 Jan.

2. Approval of an augmentation of 30*l.* granted by the Trustees to John Leigh, minister of Outwell, Isle of Ely. Approved 6 Feb.

3. **38.** Eliz. Maxwell, Countess of Dirleton, to be summoned to attend Council on Tuesday, to answer for her disobeying Council's order of Dec. 18 last.

4. Order on a former Order of Council [*see* 2 *Sept.* 1654] that Hum. Jones, their former treasurer, be the person appointed by the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods to receive the 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* from Scotch fines from Geo. Bilton, deputy-treasurer at Leith, and that, for its equal distribution, the Trustees give in an entire list of the creditors and servants, and the sums due, and what proportion should be paid from the present moiety of the said sum. *Annexing,*

39. *List, as ordered, of the creditors to the late King, allowed by Parliament delivered by the Trustees for sale of his goods on an Order in Council, giving in parallel columns—*

1. *The names and amount.*
2. *What allowed in the 2nd list.*
3. *Amount paid in money or goods.*
4. *Balance still due.*

Of these the general creditors are 134.

Huntsmen, 17.
Stable officers, 14.
Grooms of the stables, 19.
Tower guard, 36.
Bakehouse, 5.
Chandry, 2.
Harbingers, 6.
Trumpeters, 8.
Buttery officers, 6.
Sempstress, 1.
Exchequer allowances, 34.
Coachmen, 9.
Littermen, 4.
Servants to the children, 11.
Counting house, 2.
Hall officers, 4.
Wardrobe keepers, 11.

Falconers, 11.
Farriers, 3.
Guard, 62.
Porters to the gate, 4.
Kitchen officers, 8.
Larder, 11.
Chamber officers, 11.
Carriage officers, 8.
Messengers, &c., 15.
Woodyard, 3.
Footmen, 5.
Sumpter men, 4.
Poultry, &c., 10.
Laundry, 8.
Cellar, 7.
Gentlemen pensioners, 7.
Total yet due, 14,100*l.*

With list of 20 *persons whose debts are specially commended by his Highness or Council, or some members of it.* [*Book of* 14 *written and* 6 *blank pages.*]

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5. Order—on petition of Richard, Robert, Walter, Philip, and Mary Eldred, children of Walter Eldred, silkman of London, deceased—that their case be recommended to the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, to see that they have at least an equal proportion with others of the Scottish fines' money.

6. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 1,000*l.* for the Council's contingencies.

8. Order approving a report from the referees for appeals from Guernsey in the case of John Le Mesurier *v.* Mat. Pennier, from a judgment in the Guernsey court, that they think the judgment should be affirmed, and Mesurier should pay Pennier $\frac{2}{5}$ of 80 tuns of wine, or money equivalent; also 20 marks for costs. Approved 6 Feb.

9. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to deliver to Embree 9 marble pillars and 6 tables now in the prize office, for his Highness's use.

10. The Customs' Commissioners to permit an organ to be shipped and brought from Exeter to London by sea for his Highness's use.

11. Order on Clement Kinnersley's report on what Lord Broghill offered to his Highness concerning using the hangings which were at Dunottar Castle for the accommodation of the Scotch Council,—that beside the 12 pieces of hangings brought here, the 22 used by the Scotch Council, and the 6 used at Dalkeith, there are other hangings, plate, and goods of the late King, in charge of Sir John Actmooty, Master of the Wardrobe, and that Kinnersley has employed there Wm. Hawkins to find out the same,—that the Council in Scotland be requested to encourage Hawkins in that service.

14. Edw. Dendy's petition referred to the Irish Committee, to whom were referred those of Sir John Barrington and Sir Wm. Masham.

16. Wolsley, Lord Deputy, and Sydenham added to the Committee on John Buck's petition.

18. Rous added to the Committee on the paper from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers concerning augmentations, and he is to take care of the business.

19. The petition and papers of Thos. Violet referred to Montague and Sydenham, to report.

20. The petition and papers of Col. Geo. Twistleton, Governor of Denbigh Castle, referred to Mulgrave, Jones, Wolsley, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 473–477.]

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Desborow, Maj.-General for co. Devon. His Highness and Council being satisfied as to the sequestration of the estate of William, Earl of Bedford, by the then Parliament, by whom it was also taken off, have ordered that he be discharged by you and the Commissioners for securing the peace. With note of like letters to Maj.-Gen. Wm. Butler for cos. Northampton and Bedford, Maj.-Gen. John Berkstead for Middlesex, and to the Major General of co. Herts. [*I.* 76, *p.* 466.]

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1655–6. Jan. 16. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill and the Council in Scotland. Council has considered yours of 6 Nov. about the continuance of the hangings and other things now in service of the Council there, and has received an account of them from Clement Kinnersley. They approve that the goods in service with the Council and with Gen. Monk at Dalkeith be continued; but hearing that besides those hangings and the 12 pieces of hangings brought hither, there are other pieces to a great number and value, and also much plate and other goods belonging to the late King which are concealed there, they have directed Kinnersley to find out the same. For this he has employed Wm. Hawkins, now in Scotland, to whom you should give countenance and authority to enable him to discover and get possession of the said hangings, plate, &c. [*I.* 76, *p.* 477.]

Jan. $\frac{16}{26}$. Paris. **40.** Alex. Calander to Williamson, Saumur. I am sorry that business obliged me to be absent and deprived me of your company, but I hope you will find at my sister's as much content as you would have elsewhere at Saumur, though not like England. If you need anything, speak frankly. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages. French.*]

Jan. $\frac{16}{26}$. Paris. **41.** M. Passaert to Williamson. There were only 580 livres instead of 590 as you thought in the money you gave my nephew. I hope you will make no difficulty in deducting the 10 livres. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. **42.** Petition of Cuthbert Studholme, and 6 other aldermen and well affected citizens of Carlisle, to the Protector. We rejoice in your unwearied endeavours to settle the peace of the nation, and especially in your late declaration, disabling Malignants from bearing office in Church or State.

Our city is governed by a mayor, 11 aldermen, and 24 citizens.

All the aldermen, except Rich. Barwis, having served against Parliament before 1647, were ejected, and some of the most active citizens; but the rest were retained, in hopes that they would change their principles, or at least comply outwardly.

But since the Act of Oblivion, Peter Norman has animated the Malignants, and they elected him mayor in 1654, and again for this year, since which our efforts for the public good have been fruitless. We beg that all the disaffected may be discharged, and that no prejudice may accrue to our charter for want of the full number. With reference to Council 16 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. *Nine articles against Peter Norman, Mayor of Carlisle,* e.g., *that he joined the King's party, opposed a reformation of the alehouses, got the election of disaffected aldermen, countenanced Thos. Musgrave, a Malignant schoolmaster, and opposed a pious one settled there, acted unjustly in Court, altered documents, &c.* 26 *Dec.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

42. II. *Articles against Thos. Syde and* 15 *other citizens of Carlisle to similar effect.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. Reference in Council of the said petition and papers to Desborow, Lambert, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to enquire and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 480.]

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Jan. 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

5. The Treasury Commissioners to consider how the militia in their several counties may best be paid, and report.

6. To write to Col. Lilburne, Deputy Major-General for co. York, according to the tenor of a former letter of Dec. 27, 1655, and in behalf of the Earl of Devon, according to an order of Council of December, with an intimation of the Council's sense as in that to Maj.-Gen. Whalley.

7. **43.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that 5 ships and some other vessels for transportation of provisions should be provided to attend the fleet now going to sea, and that they have pitched upon 4 fire ships and 2 for provisions, that the said Commissioners be authorised to order the said ships to be made ready and victualled. Approved 19 Jan.

8. The Commissioners for the French treaty to consider of fit persons to be commissioners for adjusting damages according to the articles of the French treaty, and to report their names.

9. The report from the Committee on John Blackwell junior's petition, recommitted, and the same Committee to consider it this afternoon, and report tomorrow.

10. The Treasury Commissioners to proceed as they think fit in cases of the account of money due for customs.

11. To advise a license for transportation of 5,000 Irish from Ireland to Venice, for service of that Commonwealth, upon fit rules for their management, and security that they shall not be transported elsewhere.

13. **44.** Order approving a report of the Admiralty Commissioners, setting forth that the fleet is ready to receive the land soldiers, who should be distributed according to a list given, and those for Portsmouth sent thither, their officers seeing them on board, and Lambert to see it executed. With list of 24 ships in London and 15 at Portsmouth, conveying 6,872 seamen and 1,318 soldiers.

14. The Commissioners for regulating printing to deliver the newly printed Popish books they seized to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, who are to have them burnt in Cheapside or the Old Exchange.

15. Scobell to write to Col. Lilburne that on Dec. 18 last, his Highness delivered to Council a paper called the Case of the Earl of Sussex, on consideration whereof, they left the Commissioners [for securing the peace] to proceed according to their instructions.

16. The petition of the town of Wisbeach referred to Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, the Lord Deputy, Strickland, and Lambert, to report.

18. Process to be issued out of the Exchequer against Col. Edm. Harvey, as to his real and personal estate, on the account stated, for moneys due for customs. The Treasury Commissioners to take order accordingly. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 477–480.]

Jan. 18. **45.** Petition of Lieut. Col. Wm. Style to the Protector. In Sept. 1650, I bought a fee farm rent of 61*l.* 0*s.* 4¼*d.* in co. Bucks, payable by Marmaduke Darell, but the demesne lands being granted away, there remains only 33*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* copyhold rents, and Darell is fallen to great poverty, and fled beyond sea, as that I can only get the quit rents. The Commissioners for Obstructions advised my going to law, and then they would relieve me, and I did so to great cost and without fruit, for they disallowed 140*l.* spent in prosecuting the Commonwealth's title; they ordered me 14 Nov. last 396*l.* 17*s.* 6¼*d.* decayed rents, arrears and taxes from the time of purchase, but the Treasurers say that by the Act they have no power to pay it. I beg your order for payment of this and the 140*l.* With reference signed by the Protector to Council, to relieve him according to the said order of 14 Nov. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. Reference thereon in Council to Wolsley, Jones, Strickland, Lambert, Fiennes, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 483.]

Jan. 18. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The report from the Committee on the petition of the town of Wisbeach, Isle of Ely,—setting forth that in the late wars they lent Parliament from the town stock 150*l.*, paid to Lieut.-Col. Dobson, then Deputy Governor of the Isle; 20*l.* to Capt. Gramble, and 250*l.* for which they had excise security, which they were forced to sell for 150*l.*, and they pray for the 270*l.* yet due, for which they have received no interest, out of discoveries of money or other estate owing; and that the petitioners should have paid to them the 150*l.* and 20*l.* prayed for, with interest, out of discoveries of delinquents' estates;—agreed with, and the money ordered to be paid to Wm. Fisher, Henry Farrar, and James Edwards, out of money brought in on discoveries made by Wisbeach to the Treasury Commissioners, who are empowered to receive and manage such, and issue the money to the above, on his Highness's warrants, which he is advised to issue accordingly. Approved 6 Feb.

3. The payment of a pension of 4*l.* a week ordered to Sir Adam Loftus having been some time discontinued, his Highness to be advised to issue a warrant for the arrears of the said pension, and for Frost to continue further payments; the Privy Seal for it to pass without fees.

4. An order having passed Nov. last [*see p.* 42 *supra*], for Col. Rob. Lilburne to certify what is due to Capt. Thos. Foster, governor of Middleham Castle, co. York, for soldiers raised during the late insurrection, which shall be paid for from army contingencies, and he certifying that their pay, with fire and candles for the guards, amounts to 361*l.*, which was paid to Foster by Chris. Piercy-Hey, receiver general of co. York,—order that the payment from army contingencies be discharged, and his Highness advised to warrant repayment of the sum to Piercy-Hey from the Exchequer.

5. The Committee on the collection for the Protestants of Piedmont to meet at Whitehall at 2 on Monday, to receive communications.

6. Mr. Secretary to tell the Committee the substance of the letters to Council now read to him, and the payment of the money returned by Maj. Chamberlain, that order may be given for delivering up his the bills of exchange.

7. All the members of Council added to that Committee.

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8. Order on a report from the said Committee, that letters be written to the Justices of Peace in the several counties, to cause return of the money already collected, and collections to be made where it has not been done.

9. Order on report from the Committee of Council on augmentations granted but not approved, shewing that the augmentations are reduced to 3 heads, viz. :—

(1.) Augmentations payable by them [*i.e.*, the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers], some of which they have reduced to less sums than formerly, to be continued to the present ministers, they being already approved by the Commissioners for Approbation of Preachers ; but till the reducements are approved by his Highness and Council, the former augmentations are paid, which prejudices others since granted.

(2.) Augmentations formerly granted, but discontinued by the departure of the ministers, or for want of reviving them according to the Act, which the trustees have reviewed, and have continued those expressed in the list, the ministers being first approved.

(3.) Such augmentations as, on addresses from various places, they have granted to the ministers, being first approved as aforesaid, but which cannot be paid without Council's approval.

The Committee finds that many have been approved by particular orders, and sees no cause to disallow them, and therefore advises that such as are reduced or suspended, and not already approved, be approved. That those suspended in the list be suspended, and the rest approved, and that the Trustees cause them to be paid.

Confirmed by his Highness as to the reducement of Dr. Burgess' augmentation only, 6 Feb. *Annexing,*

46. *Report of the said Trustees, giving a list of the* 3 *several classes of augmentations, arranged under their respective counties.* 9 *Aug.* 1655. [*Book of* 17 *written and* 11 *blank pages.*]

11. Order—on hearing that some of the sequestrators of the profits of Bradfeild rectory attended Council according to his Highness's direction—that the matter be referred to Pickering, Wolsley, Lambert, Fiennes, the Lord Deputy, and Jones, to report, and to have power to dismiss the sequestrators from further attendance.

12. Geo. Wharton not to be released from imprisonment in Windsor Castle.

15. The clerks of Council to learn what public business now remains before Council, and lay a note thereof before the Lord President, and to do the same from time to time.

16. No Committee of Council to sit in the mornings of the days when Council is to sit, that Council may be more free to sit in convenient time in the mornings.

17. Council not to sit tomorrow to hear reports on private petitions. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 480–4.]

Jan. 18. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor, aldermen, and chief citizens of
Whitehall. Carlisle [on report from the Committee on their petitions]. Divers

inhabitants have complained of the election of disaffected persons as your magistrates. Council desiring that the government of the city be in hands that will manage it with due respect to the honour of religion and the public advantage, requires you to give speedy order for the executing his Highness's order of 21 Sept. last, forbidding delinquents to bear office, removing unqualified persons, and regulating future elections. [*I.* 76, *p.* 484.]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Major-General and Commander-in-Chief for Cumberland. Divers aldermen, &c., of Carlisle having complained of the election of disaffected magistrates, Council has required the mayor, &c., to execute the Proclamation of 21 Sept., and desires you to assist them therein, and to see it thoroughly performed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 484.] *Annexing,*

47. *Report on which the said order and letters are founded.* 18 *Jan.* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Whalley, Maj.-General of cos. Notts and Derby. Council have received yours of 9 Jan. touching the Earl of Devonshire's estate, and inform you that their order was not to discharge the estates from the tax, nor to divert the money from the several militia forces in the counties where they lie, and is to be no discouragement to your proceedings. They have referred to a Committee your request for the present payment of the militia forces, and you will receive directions. They have received your letter touching Lord Bellasis, and do not advise his Highness to do anything, but leave the Commissioners to act on their instructions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 478.] *Annexing,*

48. *Particulars of the Earl's estate in Mansfield, Sutton, Normanton, &c., co. Notts; total* 591*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 10 *Jan.* 1655–6. [2 *pages.*]

48. I. *Like particulars of lands in Baslow, Chatsworth, Youlgrave, &c., co. Derby. Total* 2,346*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* *Jan.* 4, 1655–6. *Also account of his personal estate, furniture, bedding, &c., for which he compounded with the Derby House Committee at* 180*l.*, *but so much was embezzled and taken by the soldiers that* 200*l.* *has to be spent to buy new goods. His best household stuff is always removed from one house to another where he resides, and is now in co. Bucks. His cattle, stock, and furniture in the county are valued at* 531*l.* 6*s.* 8. 14 *Jan.* 1655–6. [2½ *pages.*]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Northampton. His Highness has referred it to the Major-General and Commissioners of co. Oxon to state Sir Thos. Pope's case on his petition, and no return being yet made thereupon, Council desires you to suspend proceedings against him pending the answer. With note of like letter to the Major-General of co. Warwick. [*I.* 76, *p.* 483.]

Jan. $\frac{18}{28}$. Paris. **49.** T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]*. I have your addition to the cypher. I have written *Dick Pile* about *the King's* pleasure, but you should write too; he will be glad that you hope to use his *horses*, for he and his partners were despairing of selling them in this general depression of trade. The worthy person I offered you in my last, *Rich. Hopton* (call him Kemp in your cypher), is impatient to know your mind. We seldom find in a volunteer such a concurrence of requisites, viz., fidelity, credit, courage, discretion, and a purse. When your pleasure arrives, he will go for England to know the condition of your estate there, that you may take possession as soon as your tenant *Cromwell* gives up his lease, which will soon be effected. I am glad *the King* approves young *Ant. Hungerford;* I hope he is at *London* by this. I will enquire about what you desire, especially the Navy. I hear from one whose brother is a prime officer in the Navy that 80 ships are preparing for the Straits and Jamaica, but I do not think they are meant for Jamaica, because none are sheathed. Penn, Blake, and Sir Geo. Ayscue are nominated the 3 admirals. The Levellers are nothing now, at least their party is not mentioned by any. Ask Albert whether *Sir Geo. Ayscue* might not befriend your suit, for I have heard that *Ayscue* began to have a sense that he had wronged you, and might be won to do satisfaction, and if so, he should be instructed to be of our council against next term. Albert might find a way, by *Mart. Clifford* or some other, to feel his pulse.

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* This is the first of the letters in which cypher is introduced from Thos. Ross, or Row, to Sec. Nicholas. The name as given in decypher is Ross, but Nicholas usually

Thanks for your paying Mr. Booth. I cannot help troubling you, having never before been in so sad a condition. I am glad you are purging your family from false persons. If I could get loose from *Cromwell's* bond, I would petition to wait on the *Duke of Gloucester*, in place of him you have dismissed, but you have many more worthy. Your news of Skippon is very welcome. I wish the number of traitors were lessened by his death. We are here heightened with the loss of the Swedes in Poland, but you do not name it. Noted, received 6 Feb. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 18. Queen's College. **50.** Tim. Halton to Jos. Williamson, at Hum. Robinson's, 3 Pigeons, Paul's Churchyard, London. There is not much college news. The election for Tabarders is still deferred, though the fellows courted the Provost, but he will not give way till they consent for a third chaplain. T. B. is the main opposer; he would not believe Lamplugh, who presented your service to him; I believe Lamplugh will yet continue, though some bandy against him. Mr. Cartwright has a parsonage in London, and Mr. Gregory in Shropshire. There will be no election of fellows till Sir Ellis is fit, though some say he shall never be a candidate at the same election with me. For any secrets you write me, I will have a stronger padlock on my lips than the Venetian husbands tie upon their wives.

P.S. After a 5 hours' canvass, Lamplugh is declared a fellow by 7 voices against 5, the Provost being for him. As the Provost's party is the stronger, he will grant the election for Tabarders next week. [2¼ *pages.*]

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endorsed his letters as from T. Row. There are two previous letters, written on 24 and 29 December 1655, in which the projected cypher is spoken of. For remarks on this series of letters, see preface to this volume.—Ed.

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Jan. 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Whalley, Major-General of cos. Notts and Derby. His Highness and Council being satisfied about John, Earl of Clare, have ordered discharge of proceedings against his person or estate, on the orders given you and the Commissioners for securing the peace, and desire you to act accordingly. With note of like letters to Maj.-Gen. Chas. Worsley for cos. Stafford, &c., and Sir John Barkstead for co. Middlesex. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 466–7.]

Jan. 19. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 15 and 17 Jan. [*I.* 76, *p.* 485.]

Jan. 19. York. **51.** The Commissioners for co. York to Council. On your instructions, we have taken an account of the Earl of Devonshire's estate in this county, and taxed it, the tenth amounting to 217*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* 4 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

51. I. *Particulars of the estates, tithes, impropriations, &c., in co. York, of William, Earl of Devonshire, presented to the Commissioners at York,* 12 *Jan.* 1655–6. [1¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 20. New College, Oxford. **52.** Thos. Butler to his "captain," Jos. Williamson. Compliments. Mr. Aubrey has left us and Hob is forced by his college to leave. As my paper has a great way to go, I will not load it. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 21. **53.** Declaration by Turbervile Morgan, Hector, his son, and Hugh Lewis, that—being appointed by patent of 13 Car. searchers in Sandwich, Kent, and all its ports, and creeks, in place of Thos. Rookes, to search ships for suspicious persons, and those bringing over bulls, letters, or other prejudicial things, and also for prohibited goods, or goods brought in not customed, and to keep them in safe custody till further order,—in Jan. 1653–4 the other two transferred their office to Hector Morgan, on 25 Dec. 1655 all 3 resigned their said office to the Protector, and on 21 Jan. 1655–6, Hector Morgan came before the Protector, and acknowledged the resignation. [8 *sheets.*]

Jan. 22. **54.** Petition of Mary, widow of Capt. Fras. Greene, commander of the Green Dragon, to the Protector and Council. In 1645, my husband being on the Northern guard, near Newcastle, was slain in fight with a Hamburgher, which was taken, and I left pregnant with 6 small children, in Ipswich. The Navy Commissioners promised to sue Parliament for 100*l.* for me, but for want of friends, I have received nothing. There is 393*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* due for hire and freight of the ship, of which $\frac{1}{16}$ belongs to me, and you have given subsistence to other widows who lost their husbands; I beg payment of my $\frac{1}{16}$, being 24*l.* and an allowance. With reference to Council for speedy order, 24 Oct. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 22. **55.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to certify. [½ *page*; *also I.* 76, *p.* 488.]

Jan. 22. Note of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no Council orders were given, all from *I.* 92; those marked *a* are noted as referred, *b* as not referred.

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Jan. 22. Thos. Carter, for a consideration for Carlisle Castle, worth 20*l.* a year, which is his house, but has been used as a garrison since 1648. The Army Committee to examine the case, and certify (*a*). [*No.* 414.]

Owen Lloyd, late commissioner for provisions for North Wales, and for the auxiliaries employed for reducing Anglesea, for payment for provisions taken up on his own credit, the furnishers being still unpaid, in spite of orders by the Committee of North Wales, Lord Fairfax, the gentlemen of the country, the judges, and his Highness, then Lord-General. Submitted. [*No.* 415.]

Frances Benden, widow, for restoration to freedom. Has a little land to keep a cow and maintain her family, but Rich. Foule of Bedcorne, Kent, has imprisoned her on an attachment out of the Exchequer for tithes, and the Court would constrain her to swear in her own cause, which is unjust. Major-Gen. Kelsey to endeavour a composure. [*No.* 416.]

Commissioners for charitable uses in Middlesex, for some power which is short in their commissions, and offering an exception to a proviso therein. Delivered by his Highness. Submitted. [*No.* 417.]

Inhabitants of Rotherhithe, Surrey, for removal of Mr. Cowes from the rectory, and replacing of Mr. Santhill. Not prosecuted (*b*). [*No.* 422.]

Hen. Hill and Rich. Tomlyns, for confirmation of an Ordinance of of Parliament for the sole printing of the Dutch annotations translated by Mr. Hack. To be granted (*b*). [*No.* 423.]

John Amour, and other tenants to the participants in Hatfield chase level, for renewal of a Council of State order of 31 Aug. 1653, for possession of 7,400 acres of land. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 424.]

Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Represent the loss of divers of the first-fruits by occasion of Mr. Baker; they have therefore taken them into their own management (*a*). [*No.* 426.]

Col. Heriott Washbourne, for discharge, by lands in England or Ireland, of 2,500*l.* owing him, viz., 442*l.* on Public Faith bills, and the rest arrears; or for employment for subsistence. To be allowed out of discoveries (*a*). [*No.* 428.]

Inhabitants and owners of the precincts of the late cathedral of Canterbury, for confirmation of their ancient privileges purchased by them, of exemption from the corporation and from doing service, and of power to keep a court leet, and to chose officers for raising money, according to the Statute of 43 Eliz. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 430.]

Rob. Button, for relief for 120*l.* loss through a fire at Filby, co. Norfolk. Recommended to the Major-General and justices to provide for his relief, according to law (*a*). [*No.* 431.]

John Bacon and Sarah his wife, relict of Capt. Thos. Malby, for satisfaction from the French for the ship Speedwell, taken by the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of France for the service. Left to the [Admiralty] Commissioners (*a*). [*No.* 432.]

Mich. Craik, for confirmation of his place as Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons, granted him by the late King, or for a yearly allowance from Mr. Birkenhead who has the place, or for a pension. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 434.]

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Jan. 22. Carteret, son of the late Benj. Le Cloch of Jersey, for fulfilment of a promise made by Col. Heane on reducing the island, that 583*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* borrowed from his father should be defalcated from the fine imposed by the Commissioners on his estate. With reply that moneys so lent are already ordered to be discharged out of the respective fines (*a*). [*No.* 435.]

Sir Wm. Killigrew and other participants in Lindsey level, for confirmation of what was drawn in an Ordinance of his Highness for settling their possession, or some other way to satisfy the work and establish their interest. Noted "cannot be" (*b*). [*No.* 437.]

David Clerk, a Scotch prisoner engaged at Worcester, for allowance out of his estate in Scotland, which has been seized, to subsist on, and pay his debts. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 438.]

Mariana, wife of Lieut.-Col. Bland, for part of the pay of her husband, or of her son as ensign, to transport her to Ireland, where she has 5 small children. Mr. Hodges to do according to the rules (*b*). [*No.* 439.]

Hen. Robinson, late comptroller for sale of the late King's lands and fee farm rents, for payment of the arrears of his salary of 300*l.* a year, since 1 July 1652. Submitted (*a.*) [*No.* 440.]

Jos. Cosh, of Hardwick, co. Norfolk, for a patent to collect for his damage of 225*l.* by a fire. The Major-General and justices to provide for his relief (*a*). [*No.* 442.]

Hester, widow of Nich. Briott, for a pension, or a considerable sum, in lieu of 2,800*l.* due to her husband on his salary of 250*l.* a year as servant to the late King in the Mint, of which little has been received. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 443.]

Simon Ognell and others. Having several discoveries to make, beg time to find and seize the estates concealed, and $\frac{2}{5}$ for themselves of what comes in therefrom. With reference to the Treasury Commissioners to receive the discoveries, and allow such part as they think fit (*a*). [*No.* 444.]

Rich. Jackson, master of the free school at Segbergh, for disablement from all places of trust and power of John Otway, who was ejected from a fellowship in St. John's College, Cambridge, and afterwards went with the King's army, yet is chosen feoffee of the school. Noted "provided for by the proclamation" (*a*). [*No.* 446.]

Evan Walworth. Had a grant in 1633, from the then Lord-Mayor of London, of the reversion of a prothonotary's place in the Sheriff's Court, but reversions were taken away by consent of Sir Mich. Raunton, of whom he bought it. Begs a recommendation to the lord-mayor and court of aldermen, to order Raunton's executors to repay the purchase money with damages, or to the present officer to allow him a maintenance. Submitted. [*No.* 448.]

Col. John Bradley and others of the searcher's office, for allowance of 44*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* expended by them in defence of their places held under Parliament, against Watkins and Elway, the former searchers. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 449.]

Hum. Bell, warder of the Tower, and William, son of Wm. Franklyn, late warder, that the Treasury Commissioners may view their warrants for 22*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* to Bell, for charges of Col. Brown

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Jan. 22. Bushel, and 23*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* to Franklyn for Col. Reneking, and certify them as done with other arrears of the kind, but not with theirs, because they had special warrants. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners (*b*). [*No.* 450.]

Earl of Sutherland. Lost 5,336*l.* by his affection to the State, as reported by Maj.-Gen. Whalley, and 2,000*l.* by the taking away of the ward-holding and superiority in Scotland, the Act for which is a benefit to others, but a loss to him. Begs reparation, or liberty to compound for wardships with those that hold of him, and exemption from taxes meanwhile. With reference to the Council for Scotland, to offer their opinion. [*No.* 456.]

Elizabeth, widow of Hen. Jobson, chapel-keeper at Whitehall, to continue in the employment. Noted "to be reported as fit" (*b*). [*No.* 458.]

Wm. Dickins, minister, that some justices named may give him possession of Notgrave, co. Gloucester, to which he was presented, and approved by the County Commissioners, but Bob. Rawden detains it. Noted "not looked after" (*b*). [*No.* 459.]

Frances, widow of Rob. Cuningham, clerk, who was brother and administrator to Col. Adam Cuningham, for payment by lands in Ireland of 602*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* due for Col. Adam Cunningham's arrears. Submitted (*b*). [*No.* 459*a.*]

Edw. Davis, for a prize ship and furniture, which he will employ to carry Tories, and pay for it, if he gets satisfaction from Spain for his ship, pressed by the Committee at Dublin to transport Irish to Spain, and lost, for which a letter was written to the Spanish ambassador, but not answered (*b*). [*No.* 460.]

John, Lord Sinclair. Has been prisoner 4 years, and all means of subsistence gone; the 40*s.* a week allowed him 12 months since is stopped and secured by his creditors. Begs the 40*s.* a week for the first 3 years out of the Exchequer, or his estate in Scotland, continuance of the 40*s.*, and leave to go to Hampshire on bail, for his health. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 461.]

Thos. Wright and 4 other gunners in the Tower, for payment to each of 66*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* for their arrears to Jan. 1653-4. To refer to a report made by the Admiralty Commissioners. [*No.* 468.]

John Mauger, Protestant of Dieppe, for restitution of his ship, the Greyhound, taken by Capt. Gittins as he was coming from Nantes. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 471.]

Wm. Ryder, for discharge of a case of "tabees" consigned to him by Capt. Tinker, in the Venetian service, for relief of Tinker's wife and children, but seized as brought in contrary to the Act; Tinker being away is a stranger to the laws. Referred to the Committee for preservation of Customs to report (*b*). [*No.* 472.]

Company of pewterers of London, for an impost on all tin exported unwrought, with reasons therefor; Simpkins, a pewterer, has exhibited a like petition in their name, without their privity. Like reference (*a*). [*No.* 473.]

Thos. Godman and the inhabitants of Chichester, for a brief for a collection, having lost 1,104*l.* value in a great fire 10 March 1654-5. Granted in that county (*a*). [*No.* 475.]

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Jan. 22. And. Cole, for the creditors of the Duke of Hamilton, for relief. The Duke leased Chelsea Manor to Lord Belhaven, and petitioner his assignee, for payment of 20,000*l.* Mr. Goodwin and Heveningham, on pretence of tenant right, purchased as immediate tenants the manor house and grounds, though their lease was not allowed by the Committee for obstructions. Noted "left to law" (*a*). [*No.* 477.]

Mayor and aldermen of Great Torrington, co. Devon, for forbearance of the levying for 1648, 1649, and 1650, of an annual rent of 51*l.* from their town. Their church and houses were blown up, and they have sustained other great losses, and the tenants are unable to pay. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners (*b*). [*No.* 479.]

Simon Rumney, minister, for money towards his transport to Ireland, having obtained approbation of his going there. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 480.]

Wm. Legg. On 16 Feb. 1654--5 left his lodgings at Whitehall; begs the salary of 300*l.* a year settled on him by the Council of State, and due 19 June 1655, and money disbursed for wardrobe goods now in his Highness's service; also a maintenance for the future, being 70 years old, and having his office by patent, and 2,528*l.* arrears (*b*). [*No.* 481.]

Divers burgesses and inhabitants of Chipping Wycombe, co. Bucks. They have been faithful, yet are excluded by the present mayor, &c., and unfit persons admitted, whereby great suits are occasioned, and the poor prejudiced. Beg that the overseers may be restored, John Grove made mayor for next year, they disentangled from law, the oppressed relieved, and Malignants checked. With order to the Maj.-Gen. to endeavour a composure or certify (*a*). [*No.* 482.]

Dietrich Stoefken by Edw. Ferver, of Hamburg, for relief. The Michael of Hamburg, taken at Barbadoes 1651, was referred by his Highness to the Admiralty Commissioners and Judges, who certify that they know nothing concerning her. She was sold for 200*l.*, though of great value, to Simon de Carcerts, the Jew. She was bound to Caraccas, not Barbadoes, but as her name is changed and her bills of lading suppressed, Ferver is without defence. Referred to the Admiralty Judges, to report (*a*). [*No.* 483.]

Eliz. Percy, for payment out of the estate of Sir Paul Pindar of 200*l.* legacy left her by him, but Wm. Toomes, the executor, has made himself away. Referred to the Master of Requests, to certify (*a*). [*No.* 484.]

Rich. Franke, Lieut. in Col. Goffe's horse regiment, for license to transport 12 horses to Barbadoes, Granted (*b*). [*No.* 485.]

Major Wm. Gattyward. Was captain in Col. Russell's regiment under the Earl of Manchester, and lost his arm at the storming of Lincoln, his cure costing him 200*l.* Continued major till the reducement of the army. Begs satisfaction for his arm, an order to the Committee at Worcester House to state his great arrears without discounting of [free] quarter, and payment by the Army Committee or otherwise. With reference to the Worcester House Committee to state the arrears and certify (*a*). [*No.* 486.]

Spanish merchants, for suspension of the declaration concerning the price of wines, with reasons why it will be prejudicial. Noted, "specially referred" (*b*). [*No.* 488.]

Late King's domestic servants, for exemption from future taxes. Were rendered delinquents for attending their master, though bound by oath so to do, and were not in arms. Noted, "to be represented to Council and submitted" (*a*). [*No.* 534.]

Jan. 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mulgrave, Lambert, the Lord-Deputy, and Jones to consider the cases of those in prison on the State's account and report, that they may be released or better secured.

3. Strickland added to the Committee on Thos. Violet's petition.

4. The letter from the Commissioners at Leith of Dec. 15 concerning Lady Lauderdale, and the list of debts and donatives charged on forfeited estates in Scotland, referred to Lambert and the rest of the Scotch Committee, to report.

5. Wolsley reports from the Irish Committee a paper of proposals, which was read, and also other proposals for a partial transplantation; the debate adjourned till to-morrow morning, when Council is to be summoned for that purpose.

6. Order on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, that he have liberty to pursue his affairs, notwithstanding any restraint of his Highness and Council. Approved 22 Jan.

10. **56.** The petition of Rich. Wollaston, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to state his arrears and report.

11. The proclamation touching the price of wines to be stayed for 10 days.

12. Strickland reports his Highness's approval of the order about Col. Harvey.

13. Thos. Dunn, the Registrar for London, to have a house hired in Fleet Street at the State's charge, for his office. Approved 6 Feb.

14. **57.** The Navy Commissioners to allow on Gen. Blake's account 1,435*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, disbursed in his last year's expedition to the Straits, for redemption of 27 English, Scotch, and Irish captives at Algiers.

16. To advise a Commission to the Governor of Guernsey, Peter de Beauvoir, Peter and Dan. Carey, James Guile, jun., James and Eleazar le Marchant, Thos. Tremaylier, and Peter Panisell, to discover what estate in the isle belongs to Sir Henry de Vic, and to seize and sequester the same to his Highness's use, Vic having been and still being agent to the King of Scots in Brussels.

17. **58.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a frigate to convoy certain barques bound from Southampton to Guernsey, and to carry the bailiff thereof thither. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 486–8.]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill, President, and the rest of the Council in Scotland. Your letter of 3 Jan. is received, returning an account of what matters are necessary to pass the Great Seal of Scotland, in answer to Council's letter desiring information, that they might better judge of the usefulness of that Seal. As you name that the Council in Scotland has put the Great Seal into the hands

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of one of their members, who now officiates in that trust, Council desire to know before resolving further how far the Council in Scotland have proceeded as to the disposing of the Seal, and on what grounds it is so disposed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 468.]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. John Bingham, Governor of Guernsey. His Highness received some papers from Haviland and De La Marsh, as deputies from Guernsey, desiring that the campart and other State dues may be remitted; that Castle Cornet may be demolished; that the keeping of the isle may be confided to the inhabitants; that they may receive its public revenue, and dispose of it to some public ends; that licence to transport goods from England to the isle may be dispensed by the bailiffs and jurates; and that the appeals from Guernsey and Jersey, heretofore made to the Kings and Queens of England, may not come hither, but be determined by the bailiffs and jurates, each for the other reciprocally. He referred the case to Council, who on consideration are so far from countenancing the same, that they consider some of them dangerous to the isle and to this Government. You are to tell the well affected of the isle that, if they have anything to offer for its advantage and safety, we shall be ready to hear and consider it, when tendered in a due way. Also, that his Highness has appointed Peter de Beauvoir De Granges to be bailiff, on good information of his ability and integrity. You are also to enquire the grounds and rise of the above proposals. Written on an order of 18 Nov. last. [*I.* 76, *p.* 487.]

Jan. 22. The Jersey, Spithead. **59.** John Weald to Rev. Hugh Peters, Whitehall. Thanks for your manifold courtesies. There are here 12 ships, but the greatest want is men. We have 100, but should soon have our number if volunteers might have their desires. Capt. Symons, my commander, wants a minister, either Dan. Pell, his former one, or some able, honest man. I wish we had Mr. Vincent, but he will be fitter for one of the greatest ships; he is a godly man and an exemplary good liver, and would act as well with the sword in his hand as the Word in his mouth. His leaving the university, and refusing good places ashore for this expedition's sake will be a motive to you to consider him. You were once troubled with the remissness of university men, but his forwardness would encourage others.

Pray favour the bearer, Mr. Samson. I know many ministers, but few such. Try him in Whitehall. He was heard with great applause at James's. God direct you so that the Gospel may be proclaimed.

P.M.—I am willing to serve my country in her most desperate enterprizes, as landing, firing ships, &c. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 22. **60.** Examination of Lewis Fossan, Clerk at the Powder Works belonging to John Jervase, Molyns, Richardson, and Co. Makes out the accounts. A ton of saltpetre had from the East India Company is wrought into 30 barrels of powder, and Molyns always had that quantity made from every ton. Jervase was security for Mr. Pepper, the workman, and would have left the work to him without any restriction as to 30 barrels. Pepper used to find fault with the

English saltpetre from its being only singly refined, but the partners alleged it was according to their contract. Powder returned as not Tower proof was sold at 4*l.* a barrel, and amounted to 300 barrels. Powder sent in as overplus upon the English saltpetre was 10 tons, or 300 barrels, but doubts, until he examines his accounts, whether it was overplus, as they were behind in their contracts. Molyns sometimes delivered powder as so much wrought from the saltpetre received from the State, and had debentures for it. From 27 Aug. to 6 Dec. 1653, they received 7 or 8 tons of saltpetre, and delivered 360 barrels of powder in return, which was 12 hogsheads of saltpetre, or 30 barrels of powder per ton, in lieu of it. 17 and 22 Jan. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 23. **61.** Petition of the Earl Marshal of Scotland to the Protector, for longer liberty beyond the 2 months expiring 1 Feb., as the doctors think the approaching spring and also the waters needful for his cure. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

61. I. *Certificate of J. Wedderburn, M.D., that the Earl has been in great danger of his life, but has made some progress in recovery, which may be perfected in the spring.* 20 *Jan.* 1655–6. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 23. Order thereon in Council for his liberty 2 months longer, on the former terms. Approved 6 Feb. [*I.* 76, *p.* 488.]

Jan. 23. **62.** Petition of Margaret, wife of John St. Loe, of Little Fontnell, co. Dorset, gentleman, and their 5 children, to the Protector. By your warrant of 21 June 1655, you ordered stay of all prosecutions against my husband for treason, &c., yet he was indicted for treason last summer assizes at Sarum, but acquitted by proclamation, but on some information that he was concerned in the late insurrection, the County Commissioners have secured his person and sequestered his estate. I beg a warrant for his discharge, and removal of sequestration. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 23. Order thereon in Council for a letter to the Major-General and Commissioners to stay proceedings, except as to the $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate chargeable with the extraordinary tax. [*I.* 76, *p.* 489.]

[Jan. 23.] **63.** Petition of Rachel Bisson to the Protector, renewed, that as the referees on her former petition bring in her losses at nearly 1,000*l.*, the money may be paid her as suggested. With reference thereon to Council. 12 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I., II., III. *Petition of Rachel, widow of Benj. Bisson, jurate of Jersey, to the Protector. In* 1642 *my husband was made a Commissioner, to oppose Sir Phil. Carteret and other enemies to Parliament, and he hazarded his life and spent and borrowed money till the Parliament party left the island. He was then at the mercy of the adversary, who used him barbarously, kept him close prisoner* 2 *years, and threatened to hang him unless, for his ransom, he would sell part of his estate at undervalue. This he did, but soon died of diseases got by their cruelty, and left me and* 5 *small children to the tyranny of a cruel enemy, and*

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merciless creditors. I beg examination and reparation. With reference thereon to Col. Gibbon, Governor, and 5 other officers of Jersey, to relieve the petitioner if they can, and if not, to certify how she may be relieved, 3 Aug. 1655 ; *and their report of the losses of her husband in fines, expenses, and plundering, amounting to* 916*l.* 13*s.* 8*d., and that it should be paid from the compositions of delinquents in the island. Jersey,* 29 *Oct.* 1655. [3 *papers.*]

63. IV. *Certificate by Laurent Hampton, Sheriff of Jersey, to Bisson's payment of* 8,000 *livres fine to the King's Commissioners in the island.* 22 *June* 1646. [½ *page. Copy.*]

63. V. *Certificate by Col. Rob. Gibbon to the services and sufferings of Bisson in the cause of Parliament. Elizabeth Castle, Jersey,* 19 *June* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

63. VI. *Like certificate by M. Lemprière, Bailiff, and* 23 *others of Jersey.* 25 *June* 1655. 24 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 23. Reference of the petition by Council to Wolsley, Strickland, and Rous, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 489.]

Jan. 23. **64.** Petition of Capt. Henry Thornton, and Edward King, merchant of London, to the Protector. Thornton, by petition, 4 April 1655, discovered his Highness's interest in land called King's Sedgmoor, co. Somerset, to which Sir Cornelius Vermuyden pretends a title by patent of the late King, granted him for 12,000*l.* alleged to be paid into the Exchequer, although only 6,000*l.* was paid. The petitioner was referred to the Commissioners of the Treasury, and we attended them at great charge and loss of time, and can prove that the patent was obtained on a fraudulent contract with the late Lord Treasurer Weston, and managed to the late King's prejudice by Sir Rob. Heath, then Attorney-General, to whom Vermuyden agreed to pay ¼ value. The said Commissioners had no power to remand the evidences concerning the estate, and some being taken off the file in the Exchequer, and others embezzled out of the Tower, Sir Cornelius took advantage and preferred another petition, which is referred to Council, but we cannot obtain a copy. That you may not be deceived in confirming a grant of such value, and that we may be preserved from ruin, having spent 7,000*l.* therein since 1618, we beg that we may have a full hearing before Council; that Sir Cornelius may show on oath what he has really paid ; that a commission may be issued for restoration of the writings, and that we may have a copy of Vermuyden's petitions and reference. We also beg a full fifth part ascertained to us for our pains and charges so many years. With order thereon, 3 Dec. 1655, that this petition be considered with that of Vermuyden, already referred to Council. [1 *sheet ; also I.* 92, *No.* 525.]

Jan. 23. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee to whom Vermuyden's petition is referred, to consider and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 489.]

Jan. 23. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. Order on report from the Committee on the French Treaty, to advise his Highness to name as Commissioners to adjust the damages

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done by the French according to the Treaty, Dr. Turner and Edw. Ford, and Mr. Ashe, merchants.

6. **65, 66.** The petition of James Garrett, Master of the Hopewell of London, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to see the petitioners paid if there be cause. [*Two copies; also I.* 76, *p.* 488–9.] *Annexing,*

66. I. *Certificate of* 13 *soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby and* 4 *of Col. Goffe's regiment, that they were sent in* 1654, *with the fleet under Major Rob. Sedgwick to New England, and thence to St. John's Port in Acadia, where they were to stay a year under Wm. Hathorne, Governor, and have a free passage to England, which has been performed by order of Capt. John Leverett to Jas. Garrett, master of the Hopewell, in which ship they have had safe passage.* [1 *page.*]

66. II. *Capt. John Leverett to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer. I beg payment of* 90*l. for the passage, at* 5*l. a man, of* 18 *soldiers who were with Major Sedgwick when he took Fort St. John from the French last year. John's Fort,* 2 *Aug.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

66. III. *Capt. John Leverett to Jas. Garrett. I beg you to give passage for England to* 18 *of my fellow soldiers, and send you a letter for payment of* 90*l. for them. They will assist you should you fall in with any enemy. John's Fort,* 3 *Aug.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 23. / Feb. 2. Paris. **67.** T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas, Cologne. I am glad *Pile* has written to you. My agent cannot find Clifford, and *Hungerford* is in the country, being sent for by his father when he arrived at London. I hope that, notwithstanding the match, he is not to be corrupted; but if he should be, he can injure none but myself. My name is put for Tatton in your cypher, and Mrs. Hooker for Mason, a worthy person of whose safety I am glad to hear.

A ship from Jamaica reports that since Col. Humphreys arrived there with relief, the seamen are pretty healthful, but the landmen extremely sickly. Fortescue, the Commander-in-Chief, is dead, and almost all the officers extremely sick; yet, that the forces might not be idle, they landed some men on the continent, and fell on a small town of the Spaniards which they spoiled and burned. I hear from England that the war with Spain will be vigorously prosecuted, and the preparations are very strong.

I cannot tell why it should be 6 weeks ere *Sir Fras. Vincent* sends his express. I hope you will be coming nearer, as it would elevate the courage of our friends in England. I have lately met with a Norfolk gentleman who served the King through the whole war, and has still loyal principles to pursue his Majesty's commands. The general persecution has made him leave his country. He bids me tell you that in our last business in Norfolk, the principal persons were only instructed by public rumour, nor would they have trusted the person employed to them, had he moved them (though *Sir Miles Hobart* sent word by me that all was ready), but this person will serve the King if commanded in Norfolk and Suffolk. I am not allowed to name him till I hear whether the King will employ him. [2½ *pages; see note p.* 122; *the italics are cyphers, undecyphered.*]

Jan. 23. **68.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Jos. Williamson. I am glad to find by yours from Paris that you and those under your care are well. Let Brome have a watch; I promised it him and will be as good as my word to him. Remind him to be the same to me, by employing his time to the best advantage. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 24. **69.** Petition of Rob. Mossom, late schoolmaster in Richmond, to the Protector. I was sequestered in 1650 for reading the Book of Common Prayer, but for no other delinquency or scandal, and applied to the teaching of scholars, which I performed diligently and peaceably; I never acted against Government; yet by your late declaration, I am prohibited teaching, and deprived of a livelihood for my wife and 6 small children. I beg a licence to teach. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

69. I. *Order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, sequestrating him from Teddington church, Middlesex, for officiating by the Book of Common Prayer, in contempt of the authority of Parliament.* 25 *July* 1650. [1 *page.*]

69. II. *Certificate by Ri. Graves and Peter Sterry to his good conduct as a schoolmaster.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. Order thereon in Council that the Major-General and County Commissioners enquire into the case and report, and meantime that Mossom have leave to attend his school, the late orders notwithstanding. Approved 6 Feb. [*I.* 76, *p.* 492.]

Jan. 24. Notes of petitions all in *I.* 92, referred in 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of their reports, and orders thereon in Council, all in *I.* 76; viz.:—

Dorothy Vander Maes, in the name of Alice Vander Maes, Hendrick Lenaerts, wife of Jacob Ghesel, and Aestrie Peters, widow, of the Hague, for liberty to import some goods, customs' free, they having furnished the Queen of Bohemia with goods, in hopes of satisfaction from the State, because of several orders of Parliament for her support; with report, 2 Jan. 1655–6, that the arrears due to the Queen for any pensions allowed her by Parliament are fit for parliamentary consideration; but advising that 120*l.* be given to the petitioners for their present relief, and that all persons concerned in like debts be left to a prosecution before Parliament. Order for payment to them of 100*l.* for their relief and for the charge of their journey home, though the State is not obliged to satisfy these or any debts to the said Queen. [*I.* 92, *No.* 418; *I.* 76, *p.* 492.]

Mary Le Tillier, for confirmation of a judgment in Guernsey, Isaac Gibault not prosecuting his appeal; with order that the Committee be appointed to consider this and other cases, and confer with the governor if in town. Order on report from the referees on all matters of appeal for Guernsey,—that Le Tellier sought relief on a bond of 27 March

1639 of 100 crowns, with 6 per cent. interest, to which Gibault is liable as heir to his brother John, and that on 26 April 1653, payment with interest was adjudged after full hearing, before the bailiff and jurates; that Gibault appealed, insisting that by the custom of the island, only the interest for a year before claim made was due; but it was argued that, on account of the wars, there should be no default for want of a claim;—that 40*s.* interest be abated, but that the order in all other points be effectual. Approved 13 Feb. [*No.* 148, *p.* 493.]

Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Willoughby, for her husband's arrears stated by the late Council of State at 1,622*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Dismissed. [*No.* 101, *p.* 494.]

Marmaduke Langdale, that Sancton and Moorcroft rectories, worth 100*l.* a year, the only remainder of his father's estate, may be conferred on him and the other children. Dismissed. [*No.* 134, *p.* 494.]

Nich. Bond, for payment of the remainder of his debt of 192*l.* out of the first moneys that come in of a greater sum assigned to him and others out of the revenue. Dismissed. [*No.* 136, *p.* 494.]

Hen. Aldrich, for the orphans of Col. Owen O'Conelly, for payment of ¾ year arrears of a pension of 200*l.* a year, settled on their father by Parliament for life for discovering the Irish rebellion, and due when he was slain in the service, Nov. 1649, and for payment for their education. The auditors of imprest to enquire into the state of the case, and report. [*No.* 143, *p.* 494.]

Jan. 24. Notes of like petitions, all in *I.* 92, on which no Council order was given. Those marked (*a*) are noted as referred, those marked (*b*) as not referred.

Lieut. Col. Rob. Phips of Coventry, for special and speedy respect for his singular case. Raised the best part of 2 regiments, one at the beginning of the war, the other before the business of Worcester, spending 1,000*l.*; his arrears, as certified from Worcester House, are 1,169*l.* Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 436.]

Thos. Bladen, for allowance of 50*l.* for his transportation to Ireland. Submitted (*a*). [*No.* 451.]

Capt. Mat. Philips, for satisfaction for 180 foot soldiers, raised by him in Yorkshire in 1650 at his own charge, for the expedition into Scotland, or for some considerable employment (*a*). [*No.* 453.]

Rich. Wild, merchant. Offers reasons why the composition money for Poleron belongs to his Highness. Submitted (*b*). [*No.* 457.]

Jan. 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report from the Committee on Lieut. Col. Styles's petition—that the Trustees for sale of fee farm rents execute the order of Nov. 14 of the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, in the case of Maj. Wm. Style, or shew cause to the contrary.

2. Order—on report from the Committee on Tim. Pye's proceedings about 12 Dutch ships seized by him, and on consideration of Council's order to release the ships, and of Pye's detaining the sails of one them notwithstanding—that Pye stand committed to the Serjeant-at-arms till he yield obedience.

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Jan. 24. 3. To resume the debate on the proposals for Ireland next Tuesday. The public business lying before the Committees of Council to be taken up tomorrow morning.

4. Order on petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, that he be allowed his liberty, on bond with sufficient sureties in 10,000*l.* to yield himself prisoner to the Tower when required. The Lieutenant on such security to give up the former security.

8. Order on certificate from Edm. Calamy and other ministers of London, concerning Geo. Freeborne, schoolmaster, that the Major-General of London enquire concerning Freeborne's qualifications, and report, and that meantime he attend his school without interruption, the late orders of Council notwithstanding. Approved 6 Feb.

14. Order—on a report from the Trustees for sale of castles, parks, &c., excepted from the former Act for Sale of Crown Lands, on the petition of John Parker [*see* 30 Aug. 1655]—that the said report be referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 490–3.] *Annexing,*

> **70.** *Report alluded to, that Parker was to pay for Greenwich Park* 5,778*l.* 0*s.* 1*d. within* 3 *months after* 22 *Feb.* 1652–3, *that he only paid* 1,700*l., and that therefore on* 6 *Dec.* 1653, *they ordered his estate to be sequestrated for non-payment, and delivered the castle, lodges, wood, &c., to the charge of Uriah Babington, with orders to sell the wood to pay for repairs, keep of the deer, &c., but of the value, &c., they know no more than stated in his and Mr. Parker's accounts.* 31 *Oct.* 1655. [3 *pages.*]

Jan. 24. Pres. Lawrence to the Justices of Peace in all the counties. His Highness and Council commiserating the sufferings of the poor Protestants in the valleys of Lucerne, Angrona, and Savoy, recommended them to the charity of the good people of this nation, by ordering a collection in their behalf. Yet notwithstanding several declarations, no collections have been made in some parishes, and in others the sums collected have not been returned, but remain in private hands. You are forthwith to see that these sums are paid in, and to order collections where they have not been made, that the work may be perfected, and an account given of the whole collection, and the disposition of the moneys. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 490–1.]

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71. Thos. Wilkes to the Navy Commissioners. I am waiting with the Mathias and Bear for a wind. Rich. Peircey, commander of the James of Weymouth, arrived from Malaga with wine and fruit, bound for London, but she has been lost on the Goodwin Sands. He reported that the King of Spain is preparing 70 ships for the Barbadoes and Carribbee Islands, and they intend to put all to the sword, and carry all the West Indies before them; 20 of the 70 are ready and two fire ships. Two of his new ships, laden with arms and ammunition, and bound for Cadiz, were forced into Portugal by the weather, and there seized for the King's use. All the trade with the

Spaniards goes under the notion of Hamburghers, Hollanders, and French. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 24. **72.** Proposition by Thos. Fossan, that if a commission or grant is issued for digging and searching for saltpetre in the West Indies, for a lengthened period, with restriction to vacant places, and satisfaction to be made for damage, there shall be sent a refiner, workmen, coppers, pans, and other utensils, for making saltpetre there for export to London, to be sold at 3*l.* per cwt., doubly refined; it is expected that a considerable quantity will be made and brought over in a few months, which will tend to reduce its price, as also that of gunpowder, and the State will be much benefited thereby.

With notes that security must be given to proceed, and that all the petre must be sent to the Tower doubly refined, when 3*l.* a ton will be paid for it. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. / Feb. 3. Paris. **73.** Certificate of the Lord Douglas, Lord Grey and other lords and gentlemen of Scotland concerning Thos. Kirkpatrick's being nobly descended, giving his genealogy thus:—

Roger Kirkpatrick, brother of the famous family of Kirkpatricks of Clesburne, barons in Nithsdaleshire, had a grandchild William, who married Janet, daughter of John Grewson of the family of Grewsons of Lag, knights baronets in Nithsdale. Their son Thomas married Jean Horner, daughter of Hen. Horner of Campell, a man of good degree, and Thos. Kirkpatrick, citizen in Paris, is their son. 19 signatures. [1 *page.* *Endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Jan. 25. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. The 300*l.* ordered to Thos. Simons, 18 Jan., to be paid from the first moneys that come in.

3. The key of the room next the Council Chamber to be delivered to the Clerks of Council by Mr. Scutt during Council's sitting.

4. The Treasury Commissioners to advise with counsel concerning Col. Harvey's business, and to take order that such process be issued against his person, lands, and goods, as is agreeable to law.

5. The Lord Deputy, Jones, Mulgrave, Strickland, and Rous to consider the business of money for answering the present public occasions; how money may best be advanced; whether that at Worcester House may be used, and whether it be not fit to stop other payments; to meet this afternon and report speedily; Strickland to have care thereof.

6. **74.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have received advertisement from Capt. Plumleigh in the Downs, that the Dartmouth frigate has brought in a Flemish ship that lately came from Nantes, laden with French wine, whose master and company confessed they were to unload at Ostend or Dunkirk—that the charge of the ship and her lading be given to the Prize Goods' Commissioners, to keep a distinct account thereof, and report it to the Customs' Commissioners, who are to have an inspection into that business.

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7. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have an account from Capt. Smith of the Pearl, which lately came from Bourdeaux, that the English trading thither are denied to carry their guns up to the city, but forced to land them at Blaye, which is contrary to the late Articles of Peace agreed on,— that Thurloe take care of the business, and move his Highness to give such order as he thinks fit. *Annexing,*

75. *Report on which the 2 preceding orders are founded.* [⅔ *page.*]

8. Order—on report of Jan. 24, from the Admiralty Commissioners, that they had appointed Vice-Admiral Lawson to the command of the Resolution in this present expedition, also Captain John Bourne to the Swiftsure, as Rear-Admiral, and desire his Highness and Council's pleasure herein; also that they think there should be a Master to attend the fleet and execute the place of purser-general, for which office they recommend Mr Hempson, with a salary of 200*l.* per annum for himself and clerks,—that his Highness be consulted therein.

9. The petition of the Earl of Bridgewater referred to Major-Gen. Worsley, to enquire and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 495–6.]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Lord Lambert and General Rob. Blake, Lords Warden of the Cinque Ports, to the mayor, jurates, and common council of Sandwich. It has been represented to Council that the multitude of freemen of the vulgar sort in your town are so increased that, in election of public officers, they, without due regard to the business, sway all matters wherein they concern themselves, and by their wilful carriage, hinder the good government of the town, and create riots at election time. To prevent this, in a place of so much concern, Council has referred the settlement of the town to us. We decree therefore that the number of the common council, now exceeding 24, be allowed to return to 24, by electing no new members, and when it falls short of that number, that you elect from the discreetest free Commons as hitherto; and that the mayor, and jurates, and common councillors repair to the common assembly, as well in Clement's Church as in your Common Hall, where all elections, decrees, orders, and business shall be done by most voices only of you so assembled, wherein no common freeman shall have power to intermeddle, save only to hear and see, and in convenient time to make private motions of complaints of what concerns them in particular. You are to make known this letter at your next public meeting, and to require in our name that it be obeyed, at the peril of those who refuse. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 496, 497.]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor, jurates, &c. of Sandwich. Council hearing of the disturbances aforesaid, has recommended the Lords Warden to take some effectual course to prevent those evils. They have therefore set down rules for the direction of the town, which Council has approved, and requires you to use all diligence for their full execution. These letters are to be read at your

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next public assembly, and all are to observe them, as they tender the peace of the town, and will answer the contrary at their peril. [*I.* 76, *p.* 497.]

Jan 26. Whitehall. **76.** Petition of Chris. Boone, merchant of London, to the Protector. Having lately resided and traded in Spain, since my return, I delivered to Adrian Goldsmith of Antwerp goods value 200,000 ryals, and for payment, on 6 Nov. 1654, he assigned to me some silver and cochineal on board the Samson, Salvador, &c., which were seized and brought in, and his claim thereto proved.

As such transfers are always held good among merchants, and cannot well be denied for the upholding of trade, and as the assignment was made 14 Feb. 1654–5, long before the differences with Spain, I beg the benefit of the assignment, and of Goldsmith's right to the goods. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 28. **77.** Order in the Admiralty Commissioners,—on receipt of a letter from Capt. Rob. Vesey, of the Nightingale, that on 9 Jan., being on the coast of France looking after some Ostenders whom he heard were near Bourdeaux, he chased and took a Biscaneer from St. Sebastian, whom he brought into Plymouth and delivered to the Commissioners for Prize Goods—sending an extract of the letter to his Highness and Council, and requesting orders for disposing of the prize into trusty hands. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Extract of the letter alluded to.* 22 *Jan.* 1655–6. [½ *page.*]

[Jan. 28.] London. **78.** "Animadversions upon a letter and paper, first sent to his Highness by certain gentlemen and others in Wales, and since printed and published to the world by some of the subscribers.

By one whose desire and endeavour is to preserve peace and safety by removing offence and enmity." [*Quarto pamphlet,* 104 *pp. printed.**]

Jan. 29. **79.** Petition of Dorothy Speckart, widow, to the Protector. King James sold me an annuity of 200 marks for life on the customs of beer exported, which was paid till 1641. In Nov. 1647, Parliament on my petition ordered me 100*l.* till they could consider my business. The Committee on Petitions of the Long Parliament said my petition ought to be among the first reported, but it was not reported, and the arrears are now 1,633*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* I am 90 years old, and used to live in good fashion, but have had to engage all my moveables, and the lease of my house, and to run into debt. I beg relief, as the said customs are reserved to the use of the State. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. Order thereon in Council to advise that she have a weekly pension of 20*s.* [*I.* 76, *p.* 501.]

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4. **80.** The petition of Hen. Starr and Hen. Watkinson, for themselves and 43 others, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give order.

6. Instead of the Council's order of Jan. 22 concerning a commission for discovering the estate of Sir Hen. de Vic, order that the

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* There is a copy of this in the King's pamphlets dated in MS., January 28, 1655–6. Ed.

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Governor of Guernsey, with Pet. de Beauvoir and 6 others named, be empowered to use all means to ascertain the truth therein, as to what estate there belongs to Vic, if he holds it in his own name, or if another holds it in trust for him, and to seize and sequester the same. Approved 6 Feb.

8, 12. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Capt. John Needham 50*l.* for several sums due to him from the State. Also to pay to John Biddle, prisoner at Scilly, 10*s.* a week from Jan. 1st instant.

9. Mr. Jessop to ask Thos. Fell why Council receives from him no answer to their order of 12 Dec. last [*see p.* 53, *supra*], as divers complaints are made of prejudice to persons having cases in the Duchy Chamber Court, Westminster, owing to the non-sitting of the Court.

10. The petition of the executors of Rich. Miller and Rice Williams for a competent proportion of the 9,757*l.* payable to the late King's creditors out of Scotch fines, towards satisfaction of 8757*l.* owing to the petitioners for wares delivered to the late King, referred to the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods.

11. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Step. Hughs, Mydrim, Carmarthen, from Mydrim tithes - - -	52	10	0
Benj. Flower, Cardiff, Glamorgan, from Eglelois Ilan rents - - -	60	0	0
Also from Llandaff and Canton tithes -	20	0	0

Approved 6 Feb.

13. Frost to pay out of the first money coming in what is due to Isaac Dorislaus for a year's salary.

17. The Committee on the petition of the mayor, aldermen, and inhabitants of Durham, viz., Rous, Lambert, and Montague, to consider the propositions of the petitioners for a college at Durham, and for the maintenance thereof, and to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 498–501.]

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Whitehall.

The Protector to the several Majors-General. Several months having passed since raising the militia troops, and hearing that several sums designed for their satisfaction are reserved, we by advice of our Council hereby authorise you, out of the money levied by our orders for securing the peace, to give the officers and soldiers within your association 6 months' pay, or as much of it as the money received within their limits, above the necessary charge incident to that service, shall amount to; the whole sum so received being applied in equal proportion to the whole militia forces, and so to be paid as that it may be clearly brought to account, when the future payment of the said troops shall have been settled. Send in speedily an account of the money raised, and the troops employed in your association. [*I.* 76, *p.* 500.]

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Jan. 30. **81.** Petition of Elizabeth, Countess of Dirleton, to Council. Cannot attend them as ordered, to show cause why she obeyed not their former order in a cause between her and the Marquis of Argyle, being ill at her house at Guildford, and unable to go out without danger of her life. Begs a week longer, and then hopes to wait upon them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 30. Order thereon that she release the Marquis before Wednesday next, or she will be taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-arms. [*I.* 76, *p.* 501.]

Jan. 30. Order by the Protector and Council touching the issuing of the present 6 months' assessment, to be paid where needful in the respective counties, to the forces there. To the same effect as that of 27 March 1655. Approved by the Protector 6 Feb. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 189, 190; *I.* 76, *p.* 501.]

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3. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners, out of the next 6 months' assessment, to pay John Blackwell, the younger, and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, 360,000*l.*

4. Lambert, Lord-Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, Jones, Sydenham, and Mulgrave, to consider how the pay of the militia in the several counties may best be managed.

5. Strickland, Jones, Lambert, Lord-Deputy, Mulgrave, and Lisle, to meet this afternoon, and consider a report of the late disturbance about impressing some seamen in London, and the proceedings against Lieut. Rydyard and 2 seamen by Ald. Andrews, and to report to-morrow.

6. Sir John Reignolds, Col. Arthur Hill, Geo. Berkeley, and Thos. Whitegreane added to the Trade Committee.

7. Council proceeded in debating the proposals reported by the Irish Committee, and went through them, omitting some, suspending others, and denying others.

8. The commission for letting leases in Ireland referred to the Irish Committee.

9. The petition of Geo. Faunt, of Foston co. Leicester, referred to Lambert, Wolsley, Lord-Deputy, and Mulgrave, to report.

10. The report of Jan. 24 from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning some officers of the fleet, being approved by his Highness, agreed to, viz., that Vice-Admiral Lawson command the Resolution, Capt. John Bourne be Rear-Admiral of the Swiftsure, and that Mr. Hempson be muster-master to the fleet and purser-general, with a salary of 200*l.* for himself and clerks.

13. The Trade Committee to consider the proposal made to Council to give licence to the people of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland to transport into England and Scotland for Ireland, butter, cheese, all sorts of cattle, grain, and linen cloth, custom free, paying no other charge than that made from port to port in England, on security that they will land them at a port in England or Scotland, and return a certificate within the time limited by the

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security to the Custom House officers at the port from whence the goods were exported, and to report.

14. The 25th proposal in the report from the Committee for Ireland, read to-day, recommitted to the same Committee. [*I.* 76, *p.* 451–2.]

Jan. 30./Feb. 9. Paris. **82.** C. George to Williamson. I have forwarded your letter to London, and I send you a bill of exchange. [½ *page, French.*]

Jan. 31. **83.** Petition of the well-affected inhabitants of Wolverhampton, co. Stafford, to the Protector. Theirs is a market town, and the largest in the county, and was heretofore collegiate, and had a dean and 7 prebends; the parish has 4,000 communicants and 3 chapels, one 5 miles from the town. On the dissolution of the Dean and Chapter, the Committee for Plundered Ministers granted 100*l.* a year to the minister from Col. Levison's sequestration, and 50*l.* to the assistant, who also had 26*l.* formerly belonging to the sexton; Levison being dead, the sequestration is taken off, the estate coming to his heir and widow, and there is no maintenance for the ministers. The town swarms with Papists; 20 gentry families being recusants draw many to Popery, and last summer they made such high riots that a whole troop of horse was required to settle them. The only church property left in the county is tithes, fee farm rents, and some cottages, &c., total value 144*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, less by 31*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* than formerly allowed. Beg a grant thereof to their minister, Ambrose Sparry, and his assistant, Rich. Cleyton, who have been very useful to them. Signed by John Granger and Thos. Gibbons, churchwardens, and 11 others. With reference thereon to Council, 10 May 1654. [1 *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 157.] *Annexing,*

83. I., II. *Particulars of the tithes, &c., by Za. Trescott.* [2 *papers.*]

Jan. 31. Reference thereon in Council to the Committee for Maintenance of Ministers, to examine and certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 505.]

Jan. 31. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred in 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, and of orders of Council thereon, all in *I.* 76, in the following cases:—

Lieut.-Col. John Cobett and Edw. Carter, Gentleman, for possession of lands, secured by a recognizance in Chancery to the use of children, for payment of a debt borrowed by Gerard Croker of Rich. Barrow, both dead. "Fit for law, not for the Council." Dismissed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 505; *I.* 92, *No.* 162.]

Col. Wm. Bossevile, and Capt. Nich. Sanderson, for satisfaction out of discoveries, ½ of which is granted them by Parliament towards their arrears. Report drawn, to be considered on Thursday. [*No.* 170, *p.* 505.]

Sam. Ferrers of Stratford, for 200*l.* or 300*l.* in hand, and reimbursement out of his discoveries for his lendings to Parliament, having undergone losses of 5,000*l.* Dismissed. [*No.* 183, *p.* 505.]

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Wm. Giffin, for his arrears, having served in his Highness's troop and other ways, and having 5 small children of his father's cast upon by his death. Dismissed. [*No.* 184, *p.* 505.]

Capt. Lewis Prothergh, for stay of proceedings against him for 50*l.* arrears due for a sequestered house of Lord Craven, and for its deduction from 800*l.* arrears due to him. Dismissed. [*No.* 191, *p.* 505.]

Rich. Lidsey, Eliz. Langhorne, and 4 others, for payment of their arrears out of 2008*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* said to be concealed by Marmaduke Darell, heir of Sir Sampson Darell, navy victualler. Referred to the Committee on Discoveries; also to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*No.* 197, *p.* 505.]

Gentlemen porters and warders of the Tower, for payment of their arrears of 1,598*l.* 4*s.* 9½*d.* fees, expenses, and services for 1¼ years ending 24 June 1652, for which warrants were issued by the late Revenue Committee to Mr. Fauconberg, and a reference then made by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. Referred again to the said Commissioners, to report out of what money the sum may best be paid. [*No.* 205, *p.* 505.]

Wm. Hull and Wm. Leawood for payment of 10*l.* and 5*l.* given them for attendance in the Committee of Parliament for regulating the law in 1653. Order that 6*l.* 13*s*, 4*d.* and 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* be paid them by Mr. Frost. [*No.* 211, *p.* 506.]

Thos. Cawood, for allowance for his attending the Committee of Parliament for Petitions as clerk assistant to Mr. Hatter, from July to Dec. 1653. Ordered 5*l.* to be paid by Mr. Frost, being ⅓ of what is due. [*No.* 213, *p.* 506.]

Charles, Lord Aubigny, and other trustees who have a right in law to the subsidy and alnage of draperies, the rent of which is 2 or 3 years in arrears, for instalment of the arrears, and letters of assistance. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to hasten their report on the subsidy and alnage of woollen cloth and draperies. [*No.* 223, *p.* 506.]

Major Thos. Roe, for payment out of prize ships of 1,253*l.* owing him by the State. Dismissed. [*No.* 225, *p.* 506.]

Bridget, widow of Thos. Hector, yeoman of the robes to the late King, for relief, 700*l.* being due to her husband for arrears. Dismissed. [*No.* 229, *p.* 506.]

Nath. Parker, Esq., of Gray's Inn. Sir Thos. Soame, executor to petitioner's father, lent on the Ordinance of Parliament for 40,000*l.*, 2,000*l.* in May 1643; 1,000*l.* thereof was allowed for so much owing by Soame to Gibson and Hall, delinquents, the other 1,000*l.*, with 440*l.* interest, was to be paid him out of the Grand Excise; petitioner's father accepts this 1,440*l.* in part of 1,940*l.* owing him; but Parliament removed it from the Excise without fixing it elsewhere. Prays payment from the Excise. Dismissed. [*No.* 232, *p.* 506.]

Mary, widow of Edw. Warder, for continuance of 100*l.* a year granted her by the late King with arrears. Dismissed. [*Nos.* 158, 239, *p.* 507.]

John Cook of London, gentleman, for encouragement of his manufacture of sword and rapier blades at Hounslow, and consideration

Jan. 31. of proposals annexed. Referred to the Committee for Trade. [*No.* 245, *p.* 507.]

Step. Seares, several years porter at Whitehall and Somerset House, for payment of 120*l.* certified by the Commissioners for Inspections to be due to him for salary. Dismissed. [*No.* 246, *p.* 507.]

John White, clerk, Pimperne, co. Dorset, and Josiah White, clothier, of Dorchester, his brother, on behalf of their brother, Nath. White, executor to their father, for payment from the Excise of 356*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* ordered by Parliament, 21 Sept. 1648, to their late father, John White, minister at Dorchester, with interest at 8 per cent., for attendance as member at the Assembly of Divines, and for other contributions and disbursements for Parliament; it was all that was left their father from the enemy, and on the credit of the order, they became bound for the sum to their brother. Order for its payment out of discoveries to be made by Nath. White. [*No.* 250, *p.* 507.] Approved 6 Feb.

Thos. Smith, prisoner in the Tower, for liberty. The Committee for Prisoners to have a view of prisoners, and consider who shall continue and who be bailed or released; Lisle and Wolsley added to the committee. [*No.* 251, *p.* 507.]

Anne, widow of Geo. Smith, of Quinborough, co. Leicester. Her husband being in the 2nd Act for Sale, 600*l.* of her jointure was employed to repurchase his estate, and ½ paid in, but he died before payment of the other ½, and the remainder of his estate goes to his brother; begs return of the bills applied to the purchase, except 100*l.* received out of the profits, as she is left without jointure or means. "Not proper for Council." Dismissed. [*No.* 252, *p.* 508.]

Major Alex. Urry, for payment of the second ½ of 130*l.*, part of 1,500*l.* ordered by Parliament, 21 July 1648, to William and the other children of Hen. Stuard, with 400*l.* to Jas. Gray from Sir G. Ratcliffe's estate; William assigned 130*l.* to petitioner, of which ½ is received. Noted that the Committee for Obstructions has power to relieve. Dismissed. [*No.* 253, *p.* 508.]

Urian Colvin and other owners of the Lingworm of Stansberg, Norway, for restoration by Solomon Smith, Marshal of the Admiralty, of the ship, stayed Oct. 1652 by the Council of State among other ships which are restored. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. *No.* 258, *p.* 508.]

Theop. Greene, one of his Highness's watermen, for payment to the widow of John Predraw for her husband's crest delivered by her to petitioner; with report that a new one should be made or she paid. Order to Frost to pay her. [*No.* 261, *p.* 508.]

Hen. Dewell, surveyor of the highways to the late King, for that office, or to be one of the Commissioners for Surveying Forest Lands. Recommended for employment to the said Commissioners, being reported honest and experienced. [*No.* 262, *p.* 508.]

John Patron, for himself and his brother Joshua, for a hearing of a report annexed, on a reference of the Council of State, about a judgment in Jersey or Guernsey; also Nich. Anley and Margaret his wife, that a difference between them and Patron may not be concluded by a report of Col. Bingham but referred to some judges.

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Jan. 31. Recommitted, with the report of Bingham and Peter de Beauvoir on Patron's case, to the Committee for Petitions, to report. [*Nos.* 263, 267, *p.* 508.]

Abr. Barington, for the lawful proportion of his discovery of imposts on coals received by Sir Marm. Darell, and others, above what was granted in their lease from the late King. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners. [*No.* 264, *p.* 508.]

Jois Arnolt of Dunkirk, for an order to the Admiralty for restitution of his goods, being hides and tobacco on board the Samson, taken by the Diamond; is a subject of the King of Spain, and was only a passenger, but acted as purser that he might have his goods freight-free, and all the other passengers' goods have been restored. Dismissed. [*No.* 271, *p.* 508.]

Peter Jansen Callis of Holstein. His ship, the 4 Brothers, laden with ship timber, was ordered to be restored by an Admiralty sentence, and the timber, which cost 104*l.* 10*s.* and 50*l.* freight, was appraised at 69*l.* 10*s.* and taken into the State's stores; begs what it cost and the freight. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*No.* 272, *p.* 508.]

Elizabeth, widow of Alex. Robinson, under-help to Mr. Scutt, usher of the Council Chamber, for relief, being very poor and with children. Mr. Frost to pay her 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*No.* 274, *p.* 508.]

Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Salkins, who served in several capacities, and had 200*l.* arrears due, but not stated, for relief. Dismissed. [*No.* 288, *p.* 509.]

Wm. Wall. In June 1642, imported 42 tuns of wine, and paid duties, and in July 1642, an Ordinance passed that all allowances should be repaid except 20*s.* a tun on such wines when exported, upon which he exported 34 tuns; begs the benefit of that Ordinance, return of the duty paid, and remittance of the 20*s.* a tun. Order that he have the benefit of the Ordinance, and the Commissioners of Customs examine the case, and give order accordingly. [*No.* 289, *p.* 509.]

Thos. Blinkensop, merchant of London, for leave to bring from Holland in a Dutch bottom some goods brought there from India. Dismissed, as against the Act of Trade. [*No.* 291, *p.* 509.]

Kath. Pettus, widow, for a supply of the power formerly committed to the Commissioners for Creditors and Prisoners, for her relief against Marg. Bancroft, in a matter concerning an orphan's portion. Not fit to be done. Dismissed. [*No.* 303, *p.* 510.]

Mich. Kemp, Andrews de Vitt, and Mich. Golder, Dutch mariners, 5 years prisoners in York Castle, being taken at sea by Capt. Lawson, for liberty, an order by Gen. Deane for their discharge not being executed because not directed to the sheriff. Order for their discharge. [*No.* 304, *p.* 510.]

Jeffry Burwell, Clerk of the Warrants and Estreats in the Court of Common Bench, for payment of his salary of 20*l.* with 50*l.* arrears, and consideration of 80*l.* due to him in the late King's time; estreats all fines from that Court into the Exchequer, whereby

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5,000*l.* a year comes to the revenue. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*No.* 309, *p.* 510.]

Inhabitants of Crandley Parish, Surrey, for a fair two days in a year, the place being far from market towns and convenient for drovers. Referred to counsel at law. Noted, Let it alone. Dismissed. [*No.* 317, *p.* 510.]

Jan. 31. **84.** Petition of the Turkey merchants and owners, losers by the late fire in the frigate Stamboleene, to the Protector. The impost on the goods saved from the fire is 391*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, the loss on the goods, 9,552*l.*, and on the ship, 2,000*l.*, so that they have all lost above ½ their adventures. They beg to be freed from paying duties on the perished goods, and to have their bonds given up, on certificate that they have paid reasonable salvage. 14 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. **85.** Copy of the above. [1 *page; noted also in I.* 92, *No.* 290.]

Jan. 31. Order thereon in Council that the Customs' Commissioners examine and certify, suspending payment of duties till further order. [*I*, 76, *p.* 509].

Jan. 31. **86.** Petition of Dr. John Pordage to the Protector, for an express order for payment of the 100*l.* a year granted him from Bradfield rectory [*see* 27 July 1655] or for its settlement elsewhere, and for a rehearing of his cause. The receivers of the tithes, &c., pay them in to the Commissioners for Approbation of Ministers, and they to the officiating minister and other officers, so that he has no benefit of his orders. [1 *page, copy.*] *Annexing,*

86. i. *Report on the case, detailing the provisos in the Act for Ejection bearing on the case, and the previous proceedings, adding that when the order of* 27 *July* 1655 *was given, Council did not know that the power of the former sequestrators was expired, and that they could not pay Pordage the money, not having received it. The Committee for Approbation of Ministers have now ordered his payment with charges, but the sequestrators have only in hand* 17*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* *balance, and* 74*l.* 5*s.* *detained because of the contest about title. As Dr. Pordage has the house and glebe, the sequestrators paying all taxes, and as care is taken of him for the future, the tithes should be paid to the sequestrators, and they should pay Pordage* 20*l.* *a year and the rest to Mr. Palmer, appointed to preach during the vacancy, as ordered by the Committee for Approbation. Signed by Fleetwood, Wolsley, and Lambert.* [4 *pages.*]

86. ii. *Account of the sequestrators of Bradfield, their receipts, and disbursements.* [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 31. Order thereon in Council according to the report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 511.]

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1. The petition of Rob. Can, and company of merchants of Bristol, referred to Wolsley, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Rous, to report.

4. That of John Greensmith referred to the Committee for Petitions, to report.

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5. Order—on report from the Committee on Spanish Wines—that in the Proclamation to be issued, the time at which the prices on Spanish wines shall take effect be Dec. 1 next.

8. Order on the petition of Rich. Booth, sheriff for the city of York, and on a certificate of Wm. Taylor, Joshua Slinger, and Chris. Topham, aldermen there, of his affection in serving as volunteer at the rendition of the city and in Hamilton's invasion; that he be discharged from all proceedings by the Majors-General or Commissioners for securing the peace. With letter to the Maj.-General, &c., of co. York of 8 Feb. to that effect. Approved 6 Feb.

11. The report concerning Capt. Blackwell to be considered first to-morrow.

58. Order — on report from the Admiralty Judges, praying a declaration what kind of security, on issuing letters of reprisal, shall be construed as sufficient to indemnify them against any dubious interpretation of the 14th Article of the late peace between England and France—that the security shall be sufficient when the persons bound can answer the sums for which the securities are bound. *Annexing,*

87. *Report alluded to. The article of the Treaty says that if the Admiralty Judges receive insufficient security of the commanders of ships, they are personally to answer for wrongs done.*

In the warrants for issuing letters of reprisal to the sons and executors of Sir Peter Richaut, and to Nath. Hawes and others against the Spaniard, it is provided that those who sue for them shall name sureties, to be allowed by the Admiralty Commissioners. On 8 Jan. 1665–6 *the order of his Highness and Council is, that the Admiralty Judges issue letters of reprisal against Spain on such security as they find sufficient.*

Now as it is very difficult to know the sufficiency of any security, on account of concealed debts, frauds, sudden losses, &c., and as in case of insufficient security the Admiralty Judges are so dangerously liable to the damages, they beg to know what is to be considered sufficient or insufficient security. Doctors' Commons, 18 *Jan.* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

59. The Committee for Petitions to consider into what way to put petitions for the future, to prevent needless trouble to Council, and to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 503–510.]

Jan. 31. / Feb. 9. **88.** T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]. If our letters from England came time enough on Fridays I would send their import by the same post. This from *Mr. Pile* came last post. In such cases I send you the originals for your better judgment. By them you may guess the impatience of our friends till they see you, or know when you can begin your journey. The gentleman I named to you is impatient for his congé. As posts often miscarry, please to send me

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duplicates by the next post. I send you the private articles [of the treaty with France] though you may have them from better hands. I hope this post to hear from *Sir F. Vincent*, for I hear he is come to London. [1 *page; the italics are cypher, undecyphered.*]

Jan. ? Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, with references and orders when given. Those marked (*a*) are noted as referred, (*b*) as not referred :—

Wife of Hen. Langham, for liberty to be with her husband (*b*). [*No.* 491.]

Rich. Morrell, late postmaster for Stone, co. Stafford, for restoration, having been left out on the alteration of the posts. Noted as not proper for Council (*b*). [*No.* 494.]

Geo. Smith, for restoration to his place as lieutenant of Major Wade's company, not being turned out on account of any reducement or new establishment. With like note (*b*). [*No.* 495.]

Newark Beckwith, for the place of quartermaster in Col. Lilburne's regiment, void by decease of ——— Waringham, in recompence of money due for his services in attending the Committee for Examinations and for Revenue, and the late Militia Commissioners (*b*). [*No.* 497.]

Mariners and merchants of Barnstaple, for recompence for their losses by seizure and imprisonment at Lisbon, and that all concerned may bring in their papers and accounts, that the business may be perfected (*b*). [*No.* 498.]

Jas. Williamson, for 267*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* for hire of his ship, impressed by Sir Chas. Coote, and recompence for his service in reducing the Tory Islands and taking prizes. Noted as delivered to Mr. Ewres, 20 March 1657 (*b*). [*No.* 499.]

Owners of the Levant Merchant, for satisfaction for the ship and her provisions, lost in the service in a fight with the Dutch (*b*). [*No.* 500.]

Edw. Law, soldier in the Lord-Deputy's regiment, for his arrears of 17*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, certified as due by Com.-Gen. Whalley, and Cols. Goffe and Worsley, the reference to another petition not appearing (*b*). [*No.* 501.]

Peter Bar, merchant. In Dec. 1653, he transported 10 tons of logwood for Rouen, and had the benefit of the ½ impost as it had been imported within the year, but not finding a market there, begs to import it again custom free, or with some mitigation (*b*). [*No.* 502.]

Capt. Goddard Leigh, that the lands of his brother, charged with a life annuity of 50*l.* to him, may be sold, [Hen.] Pigot having got a decree for them in Chancery, or that Pigot may pay him the annuity with arrears, the estate being able to answer all (*a*). [*No.* 503.]

Hen. Pigot, for liberty to proceed against [Capt. God.] Leigh, who was heard before the Master of the Rolls, and executed a bill which was dismissed, and he in contempt (*sic*) (*b*). [*No.* 503*a.*]

Rich. Lee, master of Wigston's Hospital, Leicester, for the benefit of the late Proclamation against Mr. Grey, who was displaced as master for not taking the engagement (*b*). [*No.* 505.]

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Jan. ? Major Geo. Wither, that the executors of Sir Thos. Hampson may deliver up the seals, rolls, books, and writings belonging to the clerkship of recognizances, of which he is patentee (*b*). [*No.* 506.]

Laurence Maidwell, Mat. Pindar, and Rob. Hales, chief clerks of the Chancery Court, for consideration of a paper annexed. By the Ordinance for regulation of Chancery, the 6 clerks' fees are so lessened that the profits will not countervail their losses, care, pains, and attendance, the fees appointed them being intermixed (*a*). [*No.* 507*a.*]

Mayor and commonalty of York, that Geo. Peacock, who has been chosen alderman after the manner of election of officers there, confirmed by decree in Chancery, 9 Hen. VIII., but refuses to accept the place, may stand a fine (*a*). [*No.* 508.]

Town of Scarborough, for payment of 7*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* for the diet of John de Great, secured on Council's order for staying passengers from beyond sea, from 26 March to 10 July 1655, and released by Col. Lilburne on Council's order (*b*). [*No.* 509.]

Peter Cole, printer. Has many sermons of Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Hooker, and others, to print, but the writing is too bad to be read by a licenser, yet no book can be printed without license. Begs to be licenser of his own copies, on security not to pass anything that is seditious (*b*). [*No.* 510.]

Mint workmen, for confirmation of their privileges, being exempted by charter from taxes and other duties, and yet taxed as other men, and constrained to bear offices (*a*). [*No.* 511.]

Capt. Yardley, for an order for supply of the wants of his magazine, and materials for the great guns at Jersey, certified in a list by Major Harding and Mr. Lemprière, Commissioners for Jersey (*a*). [*No.* 512.]

Joshua Carteret, for reference of his appeal against a judgment in Jersey, obtained by John Dumaresq and others (*b*). [*No.* 513.]

Sir Chas. Lee, for the benefit of the clause in his Highness's declaration [freeing him from the decimation tax]. Was an officer in the King's army when under age, and carried into the enemy's quarters by his elder brother. [*No.* 514.]

Mr. Taate, preacher at Peter's, Sudbury, for payment of 54*l.* a year allowed from Acton Rectory, Suffolk, sequestered from Mr. Daniel, ⅔ of which has been paid, and the other ⅓ stopped in the Exchequer (*b*). [*No.* 516.]

Inhabitants of Wokingham, Hurst, Arberfield, Barkham, &c., near Windsor Forest. Brerewood, accounted part of the forest is chase, not forest, and belonged to the Bishops of Sarum, under whom they enjoyed herbage, &c., as proved by records. An exchange being made, King James allowed ——— Arrowsmith to erect a lodge and keep deer. Beg its demolition, and annex proposals for improving the forest (*a*). [*No.* 518.]

Col. Jas. Proger, for release on bail. Has been 6 months prisoner at St. James', and thus advantage given to others to refuse his just debts and to commence suits against him (*b*). [*No.* 521.]

Major Hawes and Col. Payne. Have letters of reprisal granted, and their ships are ready, but their security not yet transmitted to

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Jan. ? the [Adm.] Judges. Beg its transmission, and that their men may not be impressed (*b*). [*No.* 522.]

Lord Spynie, for discharge of his estate in Scotland, that he may pay his creditors, it being in the Act for Forfeiture, and he long imprisoned (*b*). [*No.* 523.]

Edward Viscount Loftus of Ely, for repayment with interest of 3,761*l.* disbursed for the State, his accounts having been referred to a Committee and approved, and his services particularly mentioned; also for 5*l.* weekly meantime, for maintenance (*a*). [*No.* 528.]

Thomasine Bennett, widow, for payment out of the Exchequer with arrears of a pension of 22*s.* a week allowed her by Parliament, confirmed by his Highness and Council, but not paid from Goldsmiths' Hall since 11 Jan. 1654–5. [*No.* 529.]

Edw. Makernes, minister. Was sequestered, but since officiated 8 years at Dudley, co. Stafford. Was there imprisoned by the Cavaliers for asserting the Parliament's right. Has since preached constantly in Northamptonshire; is presented by John Thornton to Weedonbeck Vicarage, value 30*l.* a year, and begs liberty to preach (*b*.) [*No.* 531.]

Charles Lord Stanhope, Lord Broghill, and others. Jas. Levingston had by patent the office of 6*d.* writs for 41 years from Jan. 1647–8. It came by assignment to Sir Jas. Levingston, who, on 23 Oct. 1647, granted 150*l.* a year out of the office for 12 years to John Nicholson, for securing 1,000*l.* for which Lord Stanhope and his lady had mortgaged lands (*a*). [*No.* 537.]

Peter de Saux, of Newhaven, France, for a pass from Newhaven to Newfoundland for the ship Town of Hamburg (*a*). [*No.* 538.]

Thos. Robert, of Newhaven, the like for the Arms of Holland. [*No.* 539.]

Capt. Wm. Kenion, for payment out of the Exchequer of his arrears. Served through the wars till the late reducement in Ireland. Was ordered payment for service in the North under Gen. Fairfax, out of discoveries, the discoverer to have $\frac{1}{5}$. Has discovered 3,000*l.*, and 1,500*l.* is paid in, and 5,000*l.* more is on Mr. Dove's list, and in part paid (*a*). [*No.* 540.]

Marg. Barry. Her husband, Major Sam. Barry, now in Jamaica, joined with Capt. Peck in purchase of Bagshot Park, and conveyed it to John Barry, a lawyer, who was to have $\frac{1}{2}$ for 300*l.* debt, and 850*l.* more, which he now refuses to pay. Her husband not being present to enter a recognizance, according to the rules in Chancery, begs that some persons may call Barry before them, and settle the business (*b*). [*No.* 541.]

Nich. Blake, for leave to bring from Flushing in an English ship some wool, iron, and aniseed. Lost a great estate in Spain, but shipped part in a Dutch vessel, there being no English ship there (*b*). [*No.* 542.]

Wm. Lee, merchant. In 1628, his father had in custody 2,600 livres Tournois, from John Cadet, Sieur De la Brace, to be disposed of

Jan. ? by order of Silvester Herman, but was forced by an Act of the Estates in Jersey to pay it for fortifications there, on bond for repayment. The father applied to the late King, who referred the case to the Attorney General, and on his report, payment was ordered, but it is not paid. Prays payment out of the public estate of the island (*b*). [*No.* 543.]

Major Chamberlain and Mr. Portman, for the poor of Putney, for part of the estate of Ranso, a German, for their relief (*b*). [*No.* 544.]

Rob. Spence. His uncle, Rob. Johnston, 16 years since, left Rob. Inglish 500*l.* in trust to purchase the petitioner an office or annuity, and meanwhile to pay him 40*l.* a year, but Inglish died, and nothing is paid except 6*l.* a week allowed the widow. Begs part thereof, the money to be paid out of the first assigned to Sir Wm. Dick (*b*). [*No.* 545.]

Rice Vaughan. That Mr. Dallison may transmit to Council the examinations taken at Haberdashers' Hall on the difference between him and John Edisbury, as the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners are suspended, and that judgment may be given by Council (*b*). [*No.* 546.]

Jacob Ablynn, of Amsterdam, for payment, with 8 per cent. interest of 1,800*l.* In April 1643, laded in 2 ships in Ireland for Amsterdam, 2,930 raw hides, but they were employed by the Council in Ireland for the service. He delivered 110*l.* 15*s.* worth of provisions more, and 200*l.* in money, and had bills of exchange on the Committee for Irish affairs, not accepted (*b*). [*No.* 547.]

Rich. Keeble, serjeant-at-law, for payment of 1,050*l.* due to him for wages, whilst he was one of the Commissioners of the Great Seal (*a*). [*No.* 548.]

Mary, widow of Ensign Hunt, for maintenance; her son Henry, the staff of her age, went serjeant to the Indies, and there died, having served the State through the war (*b*). [*No.* 552.]

Inhabitants of Southwold and Walderswick, for enquiry into the state of their haven, and means to amend it; it formerly set forth many ships, but is spoiled for want of piering (*a*). [*No.* 555.]

Sarah Robinson, Wm. Kemp, and Ant. Broomage, cutlers, for satisfaction. In 1642, delivered to Col. Fr. Tompson, for his regiment, swords value 142*l.*, and he had a warrant for payment of 318*l.* 15*l.*, but pawned it to Mr. Cuthbert and Holden; it was ordered by Parliament to be delivered to them, but is lost (*a*). [*No.* 556.]

Ellinor, wife of John Merrick, who sailed as cooper in the Hopeful Adventure at 2*l.* 5*s.* a month, but after 9 months and 10 days, was beaten by Capt. C. Husbands, and turned ashore in Virginia. He had only paid him 15*l.* 10*s.* of 21*l.* due for wages. Begs the residue. Noted as delivered the party, 14 May 1656 (*b*). [*No.* 557.]

Major Rich. Banister. In 1643 raised a foot company under Col. Massey, and a foot company when the enemy was at Worcester; kept Churchdown garrison, near Gloucester, and spent 627*l.* 17*s.*; was tenant to 240*l.* a year of Lord Craven's estate, yet lost the benefit of pre-emption. Is unable to pay 150*l.* rent due to

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Jan.? the State for that farm. Begs remission or suspension. Noted as delivered the party, 6 May 1656 (*a*). [*No.* 558.]

Hen. Symons, for leave to show a horse with postures without interruption. Col. Rossiter knows his good affection (*b*). [*No.* 559.]

David Morgan and Dorothy, his wife. Sarah Mayne, Dorothy's daughter, 12 years old, and under their tuition, has an estate of 12,000*l.* as co-heir of Jas. Mayne, late of Bovington, co. Herts, but one, Glascock, abetted by the Earl of Marlborough and Mr. Bland, has, with others, got away the child, and conveyed her beyond sea. Beg examination and justice (*a*). [*No.* 560.]

Mary, widow of Major Burton, slain at Montgomery, for payment of 200*l.*, ordered by the Council of State in part of 277*l.*, lent by her husband on public faith; mortgaged her jointure to enable him to raise a troop, and is bed-ridden and poor (*a*). [*No.* 561.]

Geo. Smith, for employment in his Highness's house or elsewhere. Has been faithful to Government, was educated under Dr. Preston, and has been in several employments, but is now destitute (*b*). [*No.* 562.]

Alice Wheeler. Going to New England, was taken by the Turks, with her husband and 2 children, who were there killed 6 years ago; ½ a year ago, she was redeemed by Wolf, a high German, to whom she promised 200 rix dollars; is under surgery. Begs charity towards her ransom (*b*). [*No.* 563.]

John Morris, merchant of Colchester. His estate was ruined by the leaguer; applied to Parliament, who ordered him satisfaction out of a rebel's estate in Essex, but the estate was otherwise disposed of. On 3 Dec. 1650, Parliament ordered him 2,500*l.* out of discoveries, and he discovered 5,000*l.* a year of the Earl of Arundel's estate. Begs payment of the 2,500*l.* out of that or other discoveries (*a*). [*No.* 565.]

Anne, widow of Wm. Dickens, for satisfaction. From 1643 to 1651, the profit of wine licenses was received for the State, and 9 years' rent due from it to her sequestered for her son-in-law's delinquency. The Commissioners for regulating the excise certify 2,478*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* to be due to her for principal and interest, and an Ordinance was directed but not perfected (*a*). [*No.* 566.]

Mat. Allen, of Weymouth, for relief and leave to return to his trade. Was mayor of Weymouth in 1642, but proclaimed traitor, and indicted for his life. Lost 6,000*l*; is imprisoned for a debt for which he engaged, in order to the public service (*b*). [*No.* 567.]

Alexander, Earl of Murray, for remission of his fine of 1,166*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* Was a child during the late differences, and his estate is small and much charged (*a*). [*No.* 568.]

Worsted weavers in Norfolk and Norwich, for a declaration to own the Act made for 3 years in 1650, and revived in 1653, but not obeyed, whence many suits arise, and no relief at law. Set forth the importance of the trade, and the want of regulation (*b*). [*No.* 569.]

Sir And. Jennour, Bart., for discharge. Has given ample testimony of his affection for 7 years by sending 2 horses to Worcester, &c.; his Highness is satisfied with his certificate (*a*). [*No.* 575.]

Katherine, Countess Dowager of Carnwarth. His Highness

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Jan. ? referred her case to the Council in Scotland, and they to law, but it was not relievable there. Begs that her appeal against the now Earl may be prosecuted here, or his estate seized on a former forfeiture, his pretended purchase notwithstanding. [*No.* 576.]

Ald. Rob. Tichborne, for conveyance of Hoby stables at Greenwich, which he bought in 1653 of the Worcester House Trustees for 223*l.*, but did not call for the conveyance, and on 11 Jan. 1653–4 the Trustees' further proceedings were stayed by Council (*b*). [*No.* 577.]

Capt. Dan Goldsmith. Bought of the Worcester House Trustees a close and 5 houses in Whitechapel, and ground in Aldgate parish, worth 54*l.* a year, and had it conveyed, but the navy victuallers claimed it and entered, and an action at law is brought, though the report was that he ought to enjoy it. Has leased it for 21 years; prays that the lease may be made good, and a reprize (*a*). [*No.* 578.]

Fras. Neves, a sequestered minister, for leave to continue his vocation of keeping a private school at Lambeth, promising to live peaceably. Gives a certificate from the Commissioners of Surrey. [*No.* 579.]

John Cook, minister of Edenbridge, Kent, for liberty to exercise his ministry; is forbidden to preach after 1 Jan., but tenderness promised to the godly; annexes certificates (*b*). [*No.* 580.]

Christian Paul Santen and John Leemknell. Have an order from the Commissioners for Preservation of Customs for paying back 390*l.* for customs on prize wines, in regard of their great losses, but the customers say they have no power. Beg a privy seal, or licence to bring in French wines and discount. Noted done (*a*). [*No.* 581.]

Rob. Dare, for payment of 209*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.*, his own and company's share in 3 prize ships, which they took in the Peter frigate in 1646 in Limerick river, and which were condemned, and he paid the company their share. Annexes a certificate (*b*). [*No.* 582.]

Eliz. Maxwell, Countess of Dirleton, for the benefit of English laws. Her husband, Jas. Maxwell, sold the Marquis of Argyle, &c., corn, value 3,333*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, on bonds in 1645 and 1646 for payment out of the public revenue in England; and in March 1647, by another Act, former assignments were not to be prejudiced (*a*). [*No.* 583.]

Sir David and Eliz. Hasteville. He being imprisoned for debt, they beg payment of 500*l.* ordered him by Parliament, 17 Aug. 1648, 350*l.* being due from Haberdashers' Hall. [No. 585.]

Rob. Strachan, brother and executor of Col. Strachan, for payment of 200*l.* ordered for his brother from Goldsmiths' Hall by Parliament, 28 Aug. 1648, and the same to Adjutant Blackborne, out of moneys payable to any Scot engaged in the last invasion. [*No.* 586.]

Col. Wm. Beale, of Hackney, for payment out of discoveries of several sums due on the public faith (*b*). [*No.* 587.]

Giles Lord Allington, for a warrant to suppress diverse persons who molest him in possession of Hornheath Park, co. Cambridge, by forcible entries with dogs, &c., and assault his servants, and also to seize the dogs (*b*). [*No.* 589.]

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Jan. ? Solomon Cole, servant to the late King and Queen, for payment of 399*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* due to him; has been faithful and is very poor (*a*). [*No.* 590.]

Dan. Pegler, schoolmaster at Rochester. A salary was payable by the Gurney House Trustees to 20 poor scholars out of Rochester deanery, but the revenues were sold before debentures could be obtained. Begs payment of arrears out of church land revenues, by the trustees for Dean and Chapter lands (*b*). [*No.* 591.]

Thos. Writer of Worcester. Was a tanner of good estate before the troubles, contributed freely, and was spoiled by the King's party, who burned his 12 houses in the city, to the loss of 2,000*l.*, and kept him prisoner; his case was referred by Parliament, but nothing done. Begs money, lands in Ireland, or other relief (*a*). [*No.* 592.]

Jan. **89.** Warrant by Capt. Hatsell, Vice-Admiral for Devon, to the constables, &c., to search for and apprehend certain seamen and others not named, and bring them before him at the house of Thos. Lang, at Plympton Maurice, on Friday 1 Feb., to answer what shall be laid to their charge. In case they shall not apprehend them before the 1st of Feb., they are then to bring them before him at Plymouth, and all military and civil officers are to be aiding and assisting herein. [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 1. **1.** Petition of James, Earl of Northampton, to the Protector. Although you were pleased to direct Major Butler to accept my bond for one year only [*see* 25 Dec., *supra*] he has lately sent again to me to enter with my sureties into new bonds for an indefinite time. As I have already paid my tenths, and conformed to all your orders and declarations, I beg that the bond may be cancelled, and at the year's end, I will renew my engagement if you see further cause. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Council to Maj.-Gen. Wm. Butler. You are to accept from the Earl of Northampton a bond for one year in the usual form, without requiring one for an indefinite time. [*I.* 76, *p.* 512.]

Feb. 1. **2.** Petition of Jas. Philipps and Jenkin Lloyd, for the inhabitants of co. Cardigan, to the Protector. The 2 last Parliaments left it to the Army Committee to relieve us from the insupportable burden of monthly assessments, and they ordered only ½ to be charged. On the coming forth of the late Ordinance for Assessments, on our petition you remitted us ½ and the arrears unpaid of the other ½, but the last Ordinance charges us as before with 732*l.* a month. We beg relief. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 1. Order thereon in Council that the levying of ½ charged for the 6 months beginning 25 Dec. last be respited till further order. [*I.* 76., *p.* 513.]

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[Feb. 1.] Petition of Justinian Paget, keeper of the Upper Bench writs and records, to the Protector. The room in the Upper Treasury which formerly held the records of the Court of Wards, and now those of the Upper Bench, is remote, and so small that it is hard to find the daily increasing records. The rooms behind the Upper Court Bench, to which the Court of Wards records were removed, would be commodious for them. Begs to be allowed to make the exchange of the record rooms. With order, 24 Oct., granting the petition, unless the surveyor show cause to the contrary; certificate of John Embree, surveyor, that he knows no such cause, 27 Nov. 1655; and order, signed by Montague and Jones, to the said surveyor, to remove the records and provide conveniences for them in both places, 27 Nov. 1655. [2 *papers.*]

Feb. 1. Order in Council, on certificate from Lord Chief Justice H. Glynne and Justice Ric. Ashe of the Upper Bench, that Embree remove the records accordingly, for the better accommodation of suitors. [*I.* 76, *p.* 514.] *Annexing,*

4. *Certificate alluded to. Signed.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. The Lord President's declaration of his Highness's approval to any order of Council to be sufficient warrant to the clerks to pass it as an order of his Highness and Council. If his Highness signify his consent to any member of Council, and he declare it publicly to Council, the same to be also sufficient warrant, &c. This to be the rule where orders are not presented by themselves for his Highness's approbation.

6. Order on report from the Committee on Prisoners in the cases of John Spittlehouse and John Jones, prisoners to the Serjeant-at-arms, that on each giving bond to the Serjeant-at-arms in 200*l.* to live peaceably, he be liberated.

8. On report of his Highness's approbation of an order of Jan. 23 concerning John St. Loe of Little Fontmill, co. Dorset, the form of a letter prepared was read, these words were inserted "and the usual security in such cases," and the letter approved.

10. The case of David David, minister, and of John Allin, minister of Rye, concerning the first fruits and tenths required of them, referred to Jones, Rous, Wolsley, and Mulgrave.

12. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, 300,000*l.* for the navy.

14. **5.** Order—on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners that 37*l.* 10*s.* is due on Gen. Blake's account, for redemption of a captive from Tripoli, beside the 1,435*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* allowed 22 Jan. last—for the sum to be allowed on Blake's account. Approved 6 Feb. *Annexing,*

5. *Report alluded to,* 1 *Feb.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

15. **6.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of John Freeman, senior, merchant of London—that the Commissioners of Customs permit him to export 50 tons of saltpetre

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to Amsterdam, the order of 11 Oct. notwithstanding, on security not to transport it elsewhere.

16. The petition of John Allin, minister of Rye, Sussex, recommended to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an augmentation. *Annexing,*

> **7.** *Report by the said Trustees that the vicarage being only* 40*l. a year, they already pay him an augmentation of* 40*l.* 13*s.* 8*d. not named in his petition, and query whether anything further should be granted him.* 12 *Feb.* 1655–6. [1 *page, see* 24 *July* 1656.]

17. The Lord Deputy, Jones, Wolsley, and Sydenham, to consider how an augmentation of 100*l.* a year may be given John Wiggan, minister in Manchester.

18. Thos. Ford, merchant of Exeter, added to the Trade Committee. Approved 6 Feb.

19. Order on report from the Committee to whom on 17 Jan. the petition of John Blackwell, junior, was recommitted,—that there be set forth to him, in the counties which he has chosen in Ireland, his full proportion for the doubled bill therein named, according to the orders of the late Council of State, and that he be put in possession thereof, as well for the 350*l.* paid in as doubled money, on the Ordinance of 14 July 1643, as for the other 2,000*l.* paid in as adventure money—that the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland cause the said lands to be set forth accordingly. Approved 6 Feb.

20. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the justices, sheriffs, grand jury, and gentlemen of co. Durham, desiring the establishment of a college there for religious education—that fit persons be appointed trustees for founding and erecting a college, and that the houses of the late dean and prebends, and the sites thereof and their appurtenances, formerly reserved for sale, be vested in the trustees for the use of the said college; that 282*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* a year be allowed as an augmentation to 3 able and godly preachers to be members of the college, and preach on Sunday within the city or county, and that the rent of 117*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* reserved on a lease of Wickham and Gateside Manors heretofore belonging to the Bishop of Durham, be paid to the trustees towards erecting and maintaining the college, and on the expiration of the lease, the yearly sum of 500*l.* issuing from the said manors be vested in the college, its provost, and fellows.

That there be a provost, fellows, and scholars, and other necessary officers of the foundation, to be nominated by his Highness; and a committee appointed to consider laws, statutes, and ordinances for its government, and present them to his Highness.

That the mayor and aldermen of Durham be desired to set out as much of the cathedral church as is necessary for a chapel and schools for the college. Approved 6 Feb.

21. The report from the Committee on the business concerning a clerk of the market to be considered when Council is full, and the clerks to put Council in mind thereof.

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24. **8**. Order agreeing with the report of the Admiralty Commissioners that a fifth fire ship should be prepared for the fleet, and that the John Baptist is fit for that service, to bear 30 men and 12 guns; also that 50 men should be added to the Naseby, 20 to the Andrew, and 10 to the Rainbow. Approved 6 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 510-518.]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Gen. Desborow, Maj.-General, and the other Commissioners of co. Dorset. His Highness and Council having considered the petition of Margaret, wife of John St. Loe of Little Fontmill, co. Dorset, desire you to stop all proceedings against him, except concerning the tenth chargeable on his estate towards the extraordinary tax, and the usual security in such cases. [*I.* 76, *p.* 513.]

Feb. 1. Plymouth. **9.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. On yours of Jan. 29, I sent warrants to the constables of the hundreds of Exminster, Tinnbridge, and Wenford, to warn all the seamen there to appear at Newton Abbot on 23 Jan., but although I expected 500, there being nearly 1,000 in those places, not 100 appeared, and many of them were old and unfit, so I could only impress 28, and then sent out special warrants for apprehending such as refused to appear. I then went to Totness, where the hundreds of Haytor and Coleridge were appointed to be, but so few came that I could only impress 50 there, and 30 at Kingsbridge, from Stanborow hundred, 16 more being brought in by special warrant. To-day I impressed 44 at Plymton, from Ermington and Plymton hundreds, and to-morrow I have appointed those of the hundred of Roborow to appear at Plymouth, and will send the issue of the day's work.

Hearing when at Newton Abbot and Totness that several men were gone to Plymouth, to enter the frigates that were to ply near the channel, I sent directions to the captains to enter all that offered themselves, and take up all they met. I sent a boat by night to impress those that hid themselves, or had entered other ships, and thus obtained 35 more. Further details. [2½ *pages.*]

Feb. 1. Plymouth. **10.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. I have sent the Commissioners an account of my proceedings in impressing men, and send you copies of my warrants to the constables of the several hundreds, as also of some special warrants, that you may see I have not stretched the power given me. I directed the men obtained eastward and near Dartmouth to be taken to Capt. Pley, with whom I have left tickets to be filled up by him. I thought of riding over to Barnstaple and those parts, to get what men I can, but as business will only allow me to be absent a few days, move the Commissioners to send a press warrant to Lionel Beacher at Bideford, and another to Jno. Tooker at Barnstaple; so that when there, I may order the men taken by special warrant to be brought before them, to receive imprest and conduct money, and let a frigate be ordered there to receive them, or my endeavours may prove fruitless, by ships bound to the Isle of May and Newfoundland taking them.

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The frigates taken by the Nightingale and Fagon are newly built, and if fitted, would be serviceable in the fleet, or in attending on larger frigates on the coast of Galicia, where the Spaniard has a good advantage by fishing. The other Brest man-of-war is fit to receive a captain; if you employ Capt. Taylor, I desire a press warrant for him, so that if the constables are remiss in their duty, in those parishes where there are many seamen, I may send him to quicken them and give assistance.

I hear the Brest pirates have free recourse to that place; speak to Mr. Secretary about it, and ask whether some of our frigates may not go into that harbour to destroy them, or into any other port in France. Swart and two others have lately taken 3 veseels off Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstaple. General Desborow is expected to-morrow night, and to proceed to Exeter on Monday. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 1. Aldborough. **11.** Thos. Johnson and Alex. Blowers, bailiffs, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Your complaint is not true. When Capt. Ames's officers came to me, Johnson, I went with them, and charged the constables, and never called my partner for fear of the seamen suspecting us; the disturbance arose by the captain's men carrying themselves in such a hostile manner, standing in divers parts of the town, and railing against the bailiffs and townsmen. One of them striking a seaman with his sword, he struck him, and another took away his sword, but the affair happening a mile out of town, beyond our jurisdiction, we could not secure the offenders; they say that they were forced to withdraw without their impressed men, but they took away five named. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 1. Great Yarmouth. **12.** Capt. Robt. Mackey, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I must report the affection of the bailiffs and constables of Southwold. I came there privately at 7 p.m., with only one other, and being informed that there were 100 able seamen to be spared, I applied to George Warren, one of the bailiffs, whom I found in an ale house with several seamen; he promised his assistance in impressing them, but stayed away 2 hours, and spent another in fetching his partner, so that before the constables could or would assist me, 40 young and able seamen were seen going over the bridge, 12 up the river in a boat, and divers others in several other boats, so that my labour and diligence for 2 days resulted in getting only one man.

On the 25th I applied to Capt. Brewster, then sitting at Blithborough with his fellow justices, who assisted with his troop of horse, and having surrounded the town, repaired to bailiff Warren; he sent to the constables to assist, but they deferred so long that all the seamen hid themselves, although when they came to town, 60 were in sight. One of the constables, in contempt and derision, arrested one of the sentinels, and threatened to knock him down if he resisted. I have procured 80 men and put them on board the Pembroke, and as there are some more northward, I will send out once more, although they are hard to come at. [1 *page.*]

Feb. $\frac{1}{11}$. **13.** D. Wise to [T. Ross]. I cannot go into the country till I have received your goods, and beg expedition. The account I sent you of the business between *the army* and *the fleet,* concerns only the *foot soldiers,* the old *horse* amounting to $\frac{1}{5}$ of the *foot* that remain, but they will be of little use to *it* after payment of expenses. The discovery of the goods brought over by *Halsey* was by the villainy of his servant, who is now in *Dover,* to overlook *Cromwell's* business. *Armorer's* man, who is now in the Tower, is suspected to be little better. Do not trust them in future. Ask *Kemp* to send me a light riding hat. Your *letters* are ready and shall be sent when our *fleet* is gone, for there is not a seaman to be found but is sent thither. Do not tell this to the master who brings my goods, lest it cause delay. I hope you have seen *Sir K. Digby, Cromwell's* confidant.

After Easter the terms are to be kept in the particular counties. The field officers of England, Scotland, and Ireland are to meet at Whitehall 16 March. I have written twice to *Jack Trethewy,* but will not write again till I have acknowledgments, for I distrust *Read's* discretion, if not his honesty. The enclosed is for *Blake, Seymour's* chamber-fellow. [1 *page, the italics are in cypher, decyphered.*]

Feb. $\frac{1}{11}$. Cologne. **14.** Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. Let the money which Mr. Bridgman is to receive for me remain in his hands a week, when I can better direct its disposal, for by *that time it is* possible *I* may *be able to judge which day we* may *remove from hence* and whither, for *we* are not *out of hope* now that *the King of Spain* is *resolved to* prosecute the *war against Cromwell, but* that he may find it his interest to *embrace his Majesty's just quarrel;* therefore let Bridgman know that you will write when you have heard from your friend, and tell me what he says about it, and what the parcel is that is come to Rotterdam for me. Still enquire after a trusty servant for me. Sir Ed. Brett or Mr. Beaumont may help you; I do not believe that *Mr. O'Neale will leave Holland* till the *Lady Stanhope* goes for *France,* whatever he says to you, for he finds great ease in *remaining* here at a good table, and no cost to him. You will find he is like his *name, subtle.*

The King of Spain is resolved to arm all he can against Cromwell, and has ordered letters of marque against the English, but whatever may be said, I assure you nothing has been wanting in the *King's applications to* the *King of Spain,* and 413,* did with much prudence what was *commanded* him, and all that was requisite. Nothing will prove so prejudicial both to *the King and the King of Spain, as* the *delay used* by the latter in making a firm *coalition* with *our master,* for till that is done and declared *to* be very cordial, the *King's friends will not* appear *for his Majesty;* but if the *King of Spain* declares for his cause, it might prove a fatal conjuncture for the villains in England; for the fleet, seeing ports open which might serve them in their loyalty, would (at least some of them) strive to return to their obedience, being tired with the insupportable servitude of the present usurpers.

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* This name does not occur elsewhere. From the nature of the cypher it must begin with P.—Ed.

I hear Cromwell has promised the King of Sweden 30 good ships towards reducing Dantzic, and therefore the Swedes would not permit that town to be comprehended in the late treaty with Brandenburg. I hear that Cromwell, being solicited both by Nieuport and the Venetian ambassador to make peace with Spain, said he would never do it unless he might have free trade in the West Indies, and some ports there to secure that commerce, which the King of Spain will rather hazard his crown than yield to. Most of the King of Spain's army in Flanders marched last week under the Prince of Ligny towards Mons. [2 *pages; the italics are in cypher, chiefly undecyphered.*]

Feb. $\frac{1}{11}$. **15.** Account of money disbursed by the Earl of Rochester by the King's order, since his return from Berlin, total 468 rix dollars, of which he has received only 350; also account of 6,094⅓ dollars put on Mr. Fox's account. [1½ *pages; endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Feb. $\frac{3}{13}$. **16.** "A note of all moneys paid and payable to the King by the princes of Germany, for his Majesty's assistance, as the account thereof stands"; the total paid from 24 different princes being 46,103 rix dollars, in sums varying from 32 to 12,000 rix dollars. Remaining unpaid 39,969 rix dollars by 26 princes (some names being the same as in the former list). [2 *pages; endorsed by Nicholas.*]

Feb. 4. Stafford. **17.** Wm. Feake, clerk to the Commissioners for co. Stafford, to Pres. Lawrence. Major-Gen. Worsley bids me send you a particular of the estate of the Earl of Devonshire in this county; meanwhile business thereon is suspended till further orders. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **17.** I. *Rental of his estate about Tilbury,* 100*l.* 15*s.*; *charges thereon* 44*l.* 6*s.*, *including* 3*l.* 2*s. for a bull for bull running, and fees for dressing the bull.*
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> *Rental at Wetton,* 155*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, *charged with a fee farm rent of* 4*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* [1¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 4. Yarmouth. **18.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I wrote you of the arrival of the Pembroke to take in the impressed men, and put 90 on board, and would have stayed her, but she wanted provisions; hearing, however, that there were two of the enemies' frigates, of 6 or 8 guns each, at anchor off Parkfield, I sent her and Capt. Thompson to endeavour to take them, but they have not yet returned. I am getting men daily, and have 10 more to put on board. Southwold was beset by Col. Brewster's troop, but the officers of the town were so base that they could not get a man; as fast as our people searched one part of the town, they got into the other, although they searched with candles. I am sending warrants to the constables in the hundreds to apprehend the seamen who were pressed, and have run away with the State's money, as also to impress others, but the seamen are so afraid of being sent to the West Indies that they say they would as soon be hanged. I never saw men so hard to be obtained in my life.

The North Sea fishers are all ready to sail, but their men have run up the country, and they dare not go to sea for fear of pirates. They are at a stand, and know not what to do, for want of men and a convoy. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 4. **19.** [Hum. Robinson] to Jos. Williamson, Saumur, care of Claude George, Ville de Venise, Fauxbourg St. Germain, Paris. I will send you the black cloth for a suit and a cloak, and the 6 pairs of white, and 6 of cordevant gloves that you desire. Mr. Lamplugh, of Gray's Inn, never offered the money you speak of in case we had the Bible, which will have a third volume before Easter. Our friends in college are well; the Provost grieves for the death of his only brother.

We hear from Jamaica that 4 months since, we invaded the terra firma near Carthagena, with 8 sail, and sacked and fired some of their villages. Our fleets will not be ready till March; 5 or 6 [ships] are sent to the West Indies. Col. Fortescue is dead. Some of the Protector's knights, as Baxter and Pride * * * [1 *page, damaged.*]

Feb. 5. **20.** Petition of Ant. Fernandez Caravajal, merchant of London, to the Protector, for leave to export 2,000*l.* in Spanish money to the East Indies, in a ship returning direct here, on security to bring in ½ to the Mint within 6 months, and on paying customs. Has imported within 2 years 200,000*l.* in Spanish money and bars of silver, and exported none, though Parliament allows ⅔. With reference to Council 26 Sept. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order thereon in Council that the Customs' Commissioners permit the export requested, on payment of 5 per cent. customs. [*I.* 76, *p.* 520.]

Feb. 5. **21.** Petition of Ant. Jackson, prisoner in the Tower, to the Protector, for release, on security for good conduct, or he must perish for want, as his friends can no longer supply him. Was committed prisoner some years since, on suspicion of treason. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

21. I. *Warrant by the Council of State to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to keep him close prisoner for invading this nation with Charles Stuart, and traitorously proclaiming him King of England. 3 Nov.* 1651. [½ *page.*]

21. II. *Certificate by Lieutenant-Col. John Barkstead that he has demeaned himself civilly, is retired and studious, very poor, and fit to be bailed. Tower, 23 Nov.* 1655.] [½ *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order in Council for his release, on security to appear when required, and do nothing prejudicial. [*I.* 76, *p.* 520.]

Feb. 5. Order and Declaration of his Highness and Council, further continuing the Army Committee in order to dispose of the assessment ordered from 25 Dec. 1655 to 24 June 1656, &c. Read and agreed to in Council, 5 Feb. Approved by the Protector 6 Feb. [*I.* 76*A*, *p.* 187; *I.* 76, *pp.* 521, 523.]

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Feb. 5. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Capt. Rob. Thorpe of Hull, and the owners of the Alexander of Hull, laden at Amsterdam, Jan. 1653–4, with beans, wheat, &c., for St. Sebastian's, but seized in February by 2 Dunkirk frigates belonging to the Baron of Ealsby, in Flanders, carried to Dunkirk and there sold, a pass from the late King of Spain notwithstanding, for which the petitioners have received no satisfaction, and begging letters of reprizal against the Spaniards;—that the said letters be granted them for the damage, to be certified by the Admiralty Judges according to proofs to be brought. [*I.* 92, *No.* 570; *I.* 76, *p.* 522.]

Feb. 5. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Fras. St. John, Henry, son of Dr. Wright, and Col. John Jones added to the Trade Committee. Approved 6 Feb.

2. Jones, Strickland, Lisle, and Montague to enquire about the continuance of prosecution for the export of calf skins, the order of 1 Jan. notwithstanding, send for those that have disobeyed, and report.

3. The Committee on the Marquis of Argyle's petition to hear what the Countess of Dirleton has to say about not having released the arrest of the said Marquis, on the order of his Highness and Council, and to report.

6. The petition of Charles, Lord Stanhope, and his wife Dorothy; Roger, Lord Broghill; Hen. Howard, Dr. Raynbow, and John Nicholson, referred to the Committee for Petitions, to report quickly.

9. Order—on a report from the Committee on the petition of Rachael Bisson [*see* 23 Jan. 1655–6]—that 500*l.* be allowed her towards her husband's losses, out of her discoveries of concealed lands, moneys, &c., not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion. Approved 12 Feb. *Annexing,*

22. *Report alluded to, that the losses are* 916*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, *and advising that, as by Ordinance of* 8 *Oct.* 1645, *the losses of sufferers in Jersey were to be paid out of the estates of Capt. Geo. Carteret and others, Mrs. Bisson should have* 300*l.* *from delinquents' fines, and* 200*l.* *from her own discoveries.* [1 *page.*]

10. Order—on a letter from Lord Broghill of Jan. 29 — that the Irish Committee consider it and the annexed papers, and report.

11. The petition of Margaret Basset, widow, concerning a debt of 36*l.* 11*s.* recommended to the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, to be dealt with in the usual way.

12. Strickland and Wolsley added to the Committee for Mr. Shepheard.

15. Order—on report from the Committee on the business of the Clerks of the Market—to advise a proclamation to execute the Statute of 17 Car., enacting that there shall be but one weight, measure, and yard, and to quicken the mayors and justices of peace and others in that Statute declared to have the powers of clerks of the market, to exercise the same; Mr. Attorney General to prepare the Proclamation.

20. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on Rich.

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Woolaston's petition, that it appears by a certificate from an auditor of the imprest that 472*l.* is due to him as master gunner, for services till 31 December 1652, and not paid—to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him.

21. Order—on Gen. Montague's report that there are 16 prisoners taken in a Dunkirk sloop and brought to Ipswich—that Montague, Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Strickland, and Jones consider how they and all other prisoners may be disposed of, and report; Mr. Secretary to assist them therein.

23. Order — on the Admiralty Commissioners' report on a paper from M. Tossin for making saltpetre in the islands of America—that Strickland, Montague, Jones, Lisle, Mulgrave, and Wolsley consult with all parties concerned, and report.

25. Order that,—whereas the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, on 15 July 1646, ordered 20*l.* increase to John Legatt, minister of Burnham, Suffolk, because there was no parsonage house there, and the grant was confirmed by the Committee for the Universities, 5 March 1651,—the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers pay him the said augmentation with arrears. Approved 12 Feb. *Annexing,*

23. *Order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers alluded to, for payment of the* 20*l. out of the rectory of Windham and* 5 *others, co. Norfolk.* 15 *July* 1646. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

23. I. *Order by the Committee for Reformation of Universities confirming the above.* 5 *March* 1650–1. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

23. II. *Request that Legatt may have* 120*l. a year, his debts being great, and there being outlawries and writs of execution against him.* [*Scrap.*]

26. To empower the Admiralty Commissioners to contract at a reasonable rate with Roger Carlisle for the 200 pairs of pistols, 200 pairs of holsters, and 11,000 flint stones delivered by him for the State's use, and order him to be paid accordingly. Approved 12 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 218–23.]

Feb. 5. Plymouth.

24. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Rob. Blackborne. I have used all diligence in sending away the impressed men, and also those taken from other ships, to whom I ordered their captains to give tickets, for many wanted money to procure clothes. As they lose from 2*s.* to 3*s.* in the pound in cashing them, I wish I could be supplied with money to pay them. An officer should be appointed to test the accuracy and genuineness of the tickets, as some false ones have been issued by Capt. Jefferies and his purser. I will write the Navy Commissioners not to sign any more from the Nantwich until further notice, or to have the matter settled by the Generals when at sea. There are great complaints of the badness of the powder, and several captains want theirs changed. As the Nantwich and Assurance want shot and match, which I cannot supply but at dear rates, I have written Mr. Willoughby to send some; pray move the Commissioners to do the same.

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1655–6. I am going to Gen. Desborow at Exeter on business, and next week will proceed to Barnstaple and those parts, to see what seamen may be had. I have ordered the Saphire to Dartmouth, the Constant Warwick to the Sound, and the Nightingale to Falmouth, to take in the men pressed by Vice-Admiral Col. Rouse, Capt. Fox, Major Ceely, and others. My brother Bradden will do his best for you about the Manor of Tinten. [3⅔ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *List of* 270 *impressed seamen.* [2½ *pages.*]

Feb. 6. **25.** Petition of Thos. Baxter, servant to his Highness, to the Protector, for a pass to transport 2 geldings to a friend that has long lived at Rochelle, and been cordially affected to the State. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 6. Order in Council for the pass requested. [*I.* 76, *p.* 525.]

Feb. 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval by the Protector of 38 orders, 8 Jan.—5 Feb.

2. To advise a warrant to the Lord Deputy to depute Maj. Wm. Packer to execute in cos. Herts and Oxford all his powers of Maj.-General and Commander-in-Chief, and Col. Geo. Fleetwood and the said Maj. Packer jointly in co. Bucks.

3. Order on the list signed by Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, and Maj. Miller, of public arms, ammunition, and stores remaining in several reduced garrisons, in the hands of officers and others,— which list was sent in according to orders of 31 July and 7 and 29 Aug. 1655, ordering them and the rest of the Committee of officers for reducements to receive all applications concerning arms, &c., not in use;—that a copy of the list be returned to the ordnance officers at the Tower, to receive the particulars into their charge; and Barkstead and Miller, with the said officers, see all such brought in to the Ordnance Office, and report to the Navy Commisioners, who are to give orders thereupon.

4. To advise his Highness that Thursday, Feb. 28, be set apart for a day of prayer and humiliation for seeking of God, in reference to the present affairs of this nation. Approved 12 Feb.

5. Wolsley, Mulgrave, Jones, Rous, Lisle, the Lord Deputy, and Lambert, to consider what is to be done on 2 papers from the Quakers, and whether any recommendation should be made thereon to the Majors-General.

6. The petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, prisoner in the Tower, read.

7. Order that the report from the Committee of Council on the petition of Griffin Howard, and Mary his wife, be agreed to, and referred back to the Committee, to fill up the blanks, and report.

8. Lambert, Jones, and Strickland to consider the business of the hospitals of Savoy and Ely House, and the settlement of their future management, to consult with all fit persons, and report. Meanwhile all matters in difference between the authorities there are to be suspended. [*I.* 76, *p.* 524–5.]

Feb. 6. **26.** Order by the Admiralty Commissioners that,—whereas on a former order for distributing some of the powder from the Tower to several garrisons, they ordered in Oct. 1654, 500 barrels to Leith, out of which Gen. Monk, by his letter of 24 Jan. last, desires 135 barrels to be issued for service in Scotland, and 260 barrels of musket shot, 20 tons of match, and 500 spades, to be sent from hence by the first ship, to supply the garrisons for the whole year;—they think that what is requested may be supplied from Leith, and beg directions accordingly. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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Whitehall.

27. Sec. Jno. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. I beg you will examine the bearer, Jno. Lucas, who alleges that he knows of 50 brass and 100 iron guns that have been embezzled from the State. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Feb. 6.
Navy Office.

28. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send you a letter from Chris. Coles. This case is one of very many others who have given credit to the State, almost to their utter undoing; pray let some speedy course be taken for satisfying such long standing accounts, otherwise our sitting here and deluding people with fair promises unaccompanied with any performance will act prejudicially. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **28.** I. *Chris. Coles to the Navy Commissioners. I cannot deliver any more timber or contract for a supply of trenails, unless I receive* 600*l. on account of* 1,600*l. already due for timber sent to Portsmouth, Plymouth, Deptford, and Chatham* 12 *months since, when Mr. Shish promised me a bill of imprest for* 500*l. The Commissioners also promised me a bill of imprest for* 600*l., but I only had one for* 400*l.; the remaining* 200*l. was promised at Portsmouth, but I never received it, and the bill for* 400*l. has hitherto done me no more good than an old almanac, I never having received a penny upon it. I hope you will consider the words of Solomon, that oppression makes even a wise man mad; I am at my wits' end for want of money.* [1 *page.*]

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Paris.

29. Alex. Calander to Williamson. Pray continue your kindness to my poor wife, your servant, during my absence. I can never repay you.

P.S. Any commands for me in England will find me at Mr. Blackerby's, merchant, Broad Street. The water for your face, being prepared from the capsules of the teazle, cannot be had before May, and must be prepared in the sun. I will teach you that, on my return, and a drink good for the liver. Mr. Whorwood's uncle, now here, wants his nephew to send directions how his father may write to him. [*French,* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 7.
Little Britain.

30. Committee for sick and wounded men to the Admiralty Commissioners. We stated, on your former order, the case of some soldiers of Sir Wm. Constable's regiment, in relation to their prize money for service at sea against the Dutch, but many of their certificates were defective. Now on your verbal order, having searched the navy books, we certify that 50 named were in one or more engagements, and according to an order in a Council of War on board the Swiftsure, 1 Dec. 1653, they should have 6*s.* 8*d.* for each engagement, which will amount to 25*l.* [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 7/17 Paris. **31.** Th. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas.] Though I find you are unwilling to present the grand affair to *the King,* I could not but yield to *Rich. Hopton's* importunity; the business being of such weight to your service, I have turned every stone to press him to undertake it, but he says he has no power from those that instructed him to set the wheel going but on the *King's* approbation only; but after receipt of some letters from England, he will return thither, and use your arguments and all his interest to get it undertaken as you desire. We shall soon know what we may trust to. All must approve what you urge of confidence and honour, but a person who has all along been the King's enemy must be assured that the past will be forgiven, and the business effected by him esteemed loyalty; and as he is confident that his way is infallible, he insists on the approval of the *King,* as the sole person that can absolve his former errors, and have him esteemed honourable. If the undertaker is pertinacious for the *King's* approbation, let him have it obliquely, if not directly.

I cannot tell you how *Seymour* had that intimation about Col. Talbot from my companion in the storm, but it is not difficult there to send by their keepers one to another, and there are many honest fellows among those keepers. You will find by the enclosed from *Pile,* that the fleet is in the Downs, and you will see how our friends gape for opportunities to commence our suit. *Hungerford* went from London to near Bath, to his parents, who sent for him. I believe he will perform his promise, notwithstanding the nuptials of his brother, who is the heir to the estate. This younger brother detests the action of the other, and undertook what I told you in hopes one day to be made elder brother. *Ayscue's* son-in-law is Jo. Bois. I wish that old traitor Skippon were gone to the place of traitors, so we were rid of him. I hope soon to hear you are invited to Flanders. An envoy from Cromwell has been here 2 months. I think Pickering's coming as ambassador is only a rumour.

P.S.—I am too busy to write to Mr. Heath by this post. [2½ *pages. The italics are cyphers, undecyphered.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. [*Dick Pile to Ross.*] *The promised commodities will be most welcome.* Cromwell's *pet with* Holland *was that* Holland *had promised him a lease of a house, and then granted a very long one to the* King of Spain. The army *and* the fleet *are now agreed, the army giving* 1,500 *men, the* ⅕ *of its number.* Blake *goes into the country this week. Pray send the commodities, for now our fleet,* 46 *stout ships, are fallen into the Downs and only wait fire ships and provisions, so they will come with more security.* 28 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page. The Roman characters are cyphers, decyphered.*]

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Feb. 7. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no Council orders were given; those marked (*a*) are noted as not referred, (*b*) as referred:—

Nich. Ireland, for the office of clerk of the market for co. Gloucester, being well recommended, and abuses arising by unjust weights and measures through want of a clerk. Noted, "put into a way," 5 Feb. 1655–6 (*a*). [*No.* 489.]

Rob. Starr. Having been employed in Sally for redemption of English captives, proposes a way to recover liberty for the present captives, and to prevent that evil for the future. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report (*b*.) [*No.* 490.)

Capt. John Thompson, for letters of reprisal against the Spaniards, for taking a ship and goods from him, value 1,500*l.*; with note of reference, 7 Nov. 1655, to the Admiralty Commissioners, and of order on their report for letters against the Spaniards for 3,000*l.* damages. [*No.* 492.]

Feb. 8. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of the heir and administrator of Hum. Ashe and Wm. Emerson. There were 2,000 acres of land in Wigenhall, Magdalen, and Peters, wanting an outfall, the adventurers [for the fens] having stopped the old drain, and Ashe and Emerson contracted for an engine, and spent 120*l.* in timber, &c., for it; Ashe dying, some landholders dissent, and there is no remedy at law; beg an order to the Commissioners of Sewers to view the level, and order its draining. Order referring the case to law. [*I.* 92, *No.* 333; *I.* 76, *p.* 527.]

Feb. 8. **32.** Petition of Rich. Webb and partners, merchants of London, to the Protector and Council, for letters of marque against the subjects of the King of Spain, for 4,900*l.* damages sustained by the taking their goods on shore and shipping, &c., at sea, by Spaniards authorised by his Majesty; have made frequent applications for redress without success. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

32. I. *Notes in detail of the said losses.* [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 8. Order thereon in Council granting letters of reprizal for 4,900*l.*, on the usual security. Approved 12 Feb.; with the letters dated 16 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 527–532; *I.* 112, *p.* 274.]

Feb 8. **33.** Petition of Mich. Measy, prosecutor, to the Committee of Council on the business of the merchants of Bristol. Wm. Lewis of Bristol got a patent 12 James to export yearly for 40 years 1,000 dickers of tanned calf-skins, and the merchants bought his license for 800 skins at 12*d.* a dozen. Hugh Lewis, on whom the license devolved by Wm. Lewis' death, in his office as searcher at Bristol, seized 68 dickers of tanned hides exported without leave, by which the price of leather was so raised in Bristol that the shoemakers used horsehides. He was in London prosecuting them when the late King's forces took Bristol; the merchants complained of him as a delinquent to the King, and he was plundered by Lord Hopton's soldiers, and the merchants got Hopton's leave to import powder, arms, and ammunition, instead of exporting calf skins. When the city was reduced by Parliament, they complained of Lewis as a delinquent to Parliament, and got his searcher's office

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1655–6. sequestered, and after 1647 or 1648, refused to pay him for his licence. Then he died in misery, leaving not a penny to bury him.

I lent Parliament 500*l.*, but was never able, through losses in my estates, to double the money in purchases, and have therefore received nothing. Having prosecuted the merchants at great expense for shipping hides, I beg that the law may have its course. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 8. **34.** Order thereon in Council, with recapitulation of former proceedings, [*see* 1 Jan. 1655], that Measy and his lawyers, and the clerks of Exchequer be required not to proceed further on the informations about the export of calf skins. [1½ *pages. Also I.* 76, *p.* 328.]

[Feb. 8.] **35.** Petition of John Wheatley to the Protector, for the office of registrar to the Trustees for sale of the late King's lands, and fee farm rents. Henry Colbron, the registrar appointed by the several Acts is dead, and petitioner has always acted as his deputy. Little profit is to be expected from the place, because the premises saleable are for the most part sold, but the registrar has to complete contracts, and has the custody of the records. [1 *page. See also I.* 92, *No.* 524.]

Feb. 8. **36.** Order thereon in Council granting him the appointment. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 529.]

Feb. 8. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report from the Committee on the business of the sheriffs,—

That no sheriffs shall entertain or present any judge, clerk of assize, associate, or other officer, in their respective counties.

That the judges, &c., shall not receive any entertainment or present whatever from the sheriffs or other public officers.

That Jones, Sydenham, the Lord Deputy, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Montague, and Lisle consider the last 2 particulars concerning easing the sheriffs in passing their accounts, and concerning old debts, concealed rents, &c., put them into a practicable way, and report.

2. Order—on Jessop's report that, according to their order of Jan. 29, he spoke with Thos. Fell, who in answer to the order of 12 Dec. declared that he would act as a Commissioner for hearing causes depending in the Court of the Duchy Chamber of Lancaster at Westminster,—to advise his Highness to allow Fell, for his service therein, the same salary as was formerly allowed to the Chancellors of the Duchy. Approved 13 Feb.

3. Order—on Wolsley's report from the Committee on Susan Bowen's petition—that a warrant be issued to Frost to pay her 10*l.* out of Council's contingencies. [*See warrant* 29 *Feb. I.* 105, *p.* 198.] *Annexing,*

37. *Report alluded to, signed by Strickland and Wolsley.* [*page.*]

6. Wolsley, Lambert, Lord-Deputy, Lisle, Strickland, and Jones to consider the business of transporting horses hence, and report.

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8. The petition of Henry Langham, late cashier to the Customs' Commissioners, referred to the Committee of Council on customs' business.

10. Order on the petition and submission of Col. Ed. Harvey, prisoner in the Tower, to advise his discharge. Approved 12 Feb.

11. Order on the business reported by Thurloe, concerning the merchants trading in French wines, that in the proclamation to be issued for the prices of wines, the time from which the prices set on French wines shall take effect shall be Dec. 1, 1656.

12. Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, and Rous, to consider the information given against John Baker, surveyor-general of delinquents' lands, and to send to the Trustees [for sale of the said lands] for the charge exhibited to them against him, to examine the truth of the matter, and report.

13, 14. The Lord-Deputy, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Pickering, Strickland, Rous, Lisle, Fiennes, Lambert, Jones, and Montague, to receive from Mr. Shepheard, who is to deliver it to them forthwith, what he has to offer about the law, to consider it, and report, and all the members of Council who come to the Committee to have voices.

15. Order to advise a warrant to the Treasury to pay to Rich. Newman, Jas. Withe, and Roger and Edw. Fauconberg, executors of Thos. Fauconberg, auditor of the Exchequer, 351*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* for service from 24 June 1654 to 11 May 1655, after the rate of 400*l.* a year. Approved 16 Feb.

17. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, in pursuance of a reference on the petition of James de Senne, master of the Bonaventure of Dieppe, read.

19. Approval of an order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that the 400*l.* a year to the lecturer at Paul's be suspended. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 525–8.]

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Yarmouth.

38. Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I wrote you of the sending Capt. Tompson and the Pembroke to try and take two of the enemies' frigates riding within 7 miles of the town; the former having gone to sea after them, and the latter being sent to Holland by the General, I have no ship to put the pressed men into, and am therefore compelled to keep them in prison; 3 ships are also waiting for a convoy.

I hear from Lowestoft that there are 5 men-of-war close by the shore, which came within musket shot of the fort, but they had no ammunition for the guns there. The people are afraid they will come on shore and plunder the town; a company should be sent to be divided between there and Southwold, as also some powder and shot, which may save many ships, for I fear they will come into the roads and take some. [1 *page.*]

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39. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. I cannot understand the mistake of my cousin Nevill's sending you the parcel. I have not heard from him these 8 months, and he wished me not to write to him. I hope soon to tell Mr. Bridgman how to dispose of the money. Do not let the good doctor know that it is for me, for then

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Sir Edw. Hyde will have notice of it, and that may render *him* the more *slow* in procuring the payment of a large sum which, by *the King's command,* signified *me by Hyde* above 2 years since, *I disbursed* for *his Majesty's* service. I was promised by *Hyde* repayment in 6 months, but *I* cannot to this day *get* it, so very kind and real is *Hyde to me* to whom *he* professes so very *great friendship,* and if he *use all* his other *friends as he* doth *me,* he may chance *find* them *not* so very patient *as I* have *been, who* can *judge of friendship* better than some that talk more of it.

The compliment and ceremony used by the French at the reception of the Princess Royal would have saddened me, had I seen it, coming from those who have confederated with her father's murderers, and made a league for the exclusion of her family, and been so great contributors to the miseries of the 3 kingdoms, and the ruin of the royal family; but some think nothing ill done that the French do, though there is scarce a war in Christendom in which they have not had a hand, and been most active in the bloody wars against Christians.

The rendezvous for Cromwell's first fleet was to be at Portsmouth on the $\frac{7}{17}$ of this month; if those shallops and the land men are to go, the rebels' design may be nearer than the Spaniard imagines.

It was a great mistake if, in the King's letter to the Princess Dowager, he did not call her "ma cousine." It was done between *Hyde* and Mr. Bennet, who is here his most intimate *counsellor,* and some say *destined to be secretary,* which, whenever it be, he will be such *a thorn* in *Hyde's flesh* as *will trouble* him more than the gout; *but I* pray keep this *to yourself. I am, I* assure you, not only *old but* very *weary,* and would *not continue* what *I do* but that *I hold* it *my duty,* and fear lest, being *called to Court as I* have been with*out* seeking, and even against *my wishes and* prayers, *God* should be offended if *I* should have *refused to have* served, or *should* give *over* whiles *any use* is made *of my* poor *service, though I am used* with neglect enough. Excuse this *melancholy* digression to *you, my* good friend.

I should be glad if Rinswood were good friends with Beveninck, who prefers the good of his country to his private ends or faction. Tell me what resolutions are taken at the assembly of the States about England, France, or Sweden. Has any servant of Nic. Armorer's lately gone for England, and if so, who, when, by whom sent, and on what business? I suppose *Mr. O'Neale* can *tell* if any such be sent. There is one such, called *Bricton,* that has *discovered many* of those that were *engaged in* the *last device in England.*

Our oracle *Watson* (?) writes that letters of marque are not yet issued from the Admiralty in Flanders, nor is any declaration published against Cromwell and his fellow rebels, though orders came a fortnight since from Madrid for arming against the English. Some impediment makes the ministers in Flanders slow to withstand Cromwell's designs, to the great prejudice of the King of Spain's affairs. The English goods seized in Flanders are not yet exposed to sale, but the Spaniard cannot long remain in this neutral posture; he must stand to his arms when the English fleet shall be at sea.

P.S.—I hear the French pillage of Dutch vessels at sea wherever they meet with them will breed ill blood. [3 *pages. The italics are in cypher, undecyphered.*]

Feb. 8. Queen's College. **40.** T. Lamplugh to Jos. Williamson, at Mr. George's, Ville de Venise, Fauxbourg St. Germain, Paris. I have been in a sea of troubles, but am now safe in harbour, and my resignation is granted. Three of the company came in to me, the rest storm and spit venom, but cannot kill. Do not fear but you shall have as good interest in the college as myself, and may live to thank those who have so cross-kindly used you. No election is yet granted. Dr. Addison is to be punished, but not expelled. Webb is your successor for Greek lecturer. Rudeness and coursing are put down by a public Act from heads of houses. Littleton of All Souls, and Bagshaw or Carpenter of Christchurch, are to be proctors. I send your fellow traveller Mr. N[orris] the enclosed from his father. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. **41.** C. George to Williamson. I have your letter and enclosures, but have received none for you or any of your company. The English post leaves Paris Wednesday and Saturday; you can find at Saumur when it leaves there for Paris. [1 *page. French.*]

Feb. 11. The Portsmouth, Spithead. **42.** Capt. Robt. Sansum to the Admiralty Commissioners. In obedience to your commands, I went to Guernsey, and did my utmost to impress seamen, but received much opposition from the inhabitants; and the bailiffs having called a court, it was resolved not to permit any press to be made in the island, or to take any notice of any order which interfered with their privileges, and some took arms and rescued the men I had impressed. On this I informed the Commander-in-Chief thereof, who advised me to desist, or much mischief would be done. On this I went to Jersey, where I found the Governor very willing to assist me, but the inhabitants were not, and forced my men to take to a house for security; had not the Governor assisted them with a party of horse, who had to fire upon the people, killing one and wounding several others, they would have been destroyed. I only succeeded in pressing 50 men in both islands. [1¼ *pages.*]

Feb. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Instructions to the Generals at sea read one by one, amended, the blank filled up with 20,000*l.*, agreed to, and to be offered to his Highness as the advice of Council.

2. **43.** The seamen and soldiers going in this expedition under Generals Blake and Montague to receive such advantage and encouragement as were given in the late wars with the Dutch, by the printed orders of Parliament of 22 Dec. 1652.

3. **44.** The proposals and papers of Thos. Warren concerning Sally, now presented to Mr. Secretary, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

4. **45.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide 4 advice boats to go with the fleet, and those lately taken in the West to be 2 of them, and be made ready accordingly.

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5. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the bailiffs of Southwold—that Geo. Warren, one of the bailiffs, be sent for in custody.

6. The information given into Council concerning Mr. Avery referred to Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, and Wolsley, to meet this afternoon, examine, and report. Sir Christ. Pack, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Hutchinson to attend the said Committee at 3.

7. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners of Oct. 12 last, concerning the building of 4 advice boats, read again.

8. A letter from the Scotch Council of Jan. 31, giving account of the proceedings concerning the Great Seal of Scotland, read.

9. The petition of John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, War-treasurers, referred to Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, and Wolsley, to report.

10. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning an embargo on all shipping of the northern ports, read, and referred to Lambert, Wolsley, Montague, and Mulgrave, to report.

11. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, desiring a supply of powder and shot for Lowestoft, and a foot company, to secure it and other parts from the incursion of pirates who infest that coast, and an extract from a letter annexed, referred to Lord Lambert, to give such orders as he judges best. *Annexing,*

46. *Report alluded to* 12 *Feb.* 1655–6. [½ *page.*]

46. I. *Extract from a letter of Major Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear from Lowestoft that there are* 5 *men-of-war close by the shore, and the people have neither powder nor shot, and are afraid the town may be plundered. There should be a company there, and ½ an one at Southwold. If you order powder and shot from Yarmouth to Lowestoft, it may save many a ship which runs there for refuge. I will put them into an honest man's hands till a company comes down. This town* [*Yarmouth*] *wants the* 6 *guns that were drawn into town run down again, lest the pirates come into our roads and take away our ships.* 8 *Feb.* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

12. **47.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Mary, widow of Capt. Fras. Green [*see* 22 Jan. 1656], —that she is an object of pity and should be relieved when important affairs permit—that the said Commissioners consider what relief should be allowed her, and how it may best be done, and report. *Annexing,*

47. I. *Report alluded to, that the petitioner is believed to have received nothing, and that the* 24*l. is due to her, being part of a large sum due to the owners of the Green Dragon and many other ships.* 2 *Feb.* 1655–6. [¾ *page.*]

13. Henry, Lord Paulet, who has been discharged on report of Maj.-Gen. Goffe and many gentlemen of Southampton and Hampshire from the tax imposed on him, is to have the like benefit for his estate in co. Wilts, and the Major General and Commissioners there are to act accordingly. Approved 13 Feb.

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14. In last Friday's order concerning Mr. Wheatley, a clause to be inserted to allow him the like salary as was formerly allowed to the Registrar therein mentioned.

16. Jones, Montague, Lambert, and Mulgrave to advise with the Admiralty Commissioners of what was proposed to day, about young gentlemen that shall voluntarily engage in the present expedition to sea, in order to fit them for the service, and to report.

17. The same Committee to consider Col. Bridge's certificate in the case of Chipping Wycombe, co. Bucks, and to report.

19. Order on a matter concerning Lieut. Ben. Rudyard and others, about impressing seamen in London for the service, wherein Rob. Wilkins, a porter, was wounded, that as Wilkins is recovering, Rudyard, who is to go to sea on this expedition, be discharged, and his security, taken before Ald. Thos. Andrews, be restored to him.

20. Approval by the Protector of 9 orders, 18 Jan.—8 Feb., including one missing of 8 Feb. for letters of reprizal to Mr. Williams, of Swansea.

21, 22. Order on report from the Committee on Griffin and Mary Howard's petition, the substance whereof was agreed on at its reading on Feb. 6, and on Lambert's further report—that Archibald Hamilton, Mary's late husband, lost his life at Stirling by the late Scotch King's order for his faithfulness to Parliament, and that she furnished the garrison and forces of Ireland with various provisions; that Parliament ordered, 19 Sept. 1652, 500*l.* a year for her and her children out of several estates mentioned in Scotland according to the proportions set down in a report from the late Council of State, which lands being not set out, the petitioner took the benefit of the Ordinance of his Highness and Council for answering donatives in Scotland out of fines imposed on persons in Scotland by the Ordinance of pardon, at the rate of 10 years' purchase, amounting in all for the 500*l.* per annum to 5,000*l.*—that the 5,000*l.* be thus distributed to the petitioners and the children of Mary.

To Griffin Howard and his wife, 1,000*l.*

The remaining 4,000*l.* to be laid out for lands in Ireland within 2 years, and thus distributed.

To John, Mary's eldest son, by Alford, her first husband, 700*l.*; with remainder to her 2 sons by Hamilton, if John shall die before he is 21, or marry

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To Geo. Hamilton, eldest son of Arch. Hamilton -	1,500
" Frederick " younger " " -	1,500
" Sydney and Elizabeth, 2 daughters of Archibald by Mary, and to Mary, daughter of her first husband, Alford, 100*l.* each - - -	300

23. From the profits of the 4,000*l.* or of the lands bought therewith, each daughter to have an increase of 300*l.* The 4,000*l.* to be entrusted to Col. Cooper, Col. Arthur Hill, Gen. Geo. Downing, and Wm. Rowe, as trustees for the children, to dispose of it in lands as above, and from the profits, to allow Mary, the mother, one-fifth, after Griffin Howard's death, and to allow the sons and daughters

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convenient maintenance till the sons be 21, and the daughters 18, or till they marry, and then to set out to them their proportions. If in two years the 4,000*l.* be not disposed of in purchase of lands, the trustees are to hand over the remains as aforesaid, and the profits, to Col. John Hewson and 3 others, who are to dispose of it for Mary's jointure and the maintenance of the children in the above proportions. Approved 21 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 529–534.] *Annexing,*

48. *Report alluded to, founded on a report of Cols. Cooper and Hill, and Maj.-Gen. Downing, naming Patrick Hamilton, as Mary's late husband; noting that Parliament, on 9 Sept.* 1652, *ordered* 500*l. a year for her and her children, out of the estates of Lord Montgomery, son of the Earl of Eglinton, and Lieut.-Gen. David Leslie in Scotland, that is,* 200*l. each to her sons George and Frederick, of which she was to have* 100*l. for life as jointure, and* 100*l. to John her son by Alford, her first husband; also* 300*l. each to her daughters Sydney, Elizabeth, and Mary, on their coming of age.*

That the lands not being set out, the petitioners take the benefit of the Ordinance for answering donatives out of Scotch fines at 10 *years' purchase, which will be* 5,000*l., of which* 1,000*l. to be to Griffin Howard who maintains the children;* 1,600*l. each to George and Fred. Hamilton, and* 800*l. to Alford; the* 4,000*l. for the children to be settled on trustees, and laid out on lands in Ireland,* ¼ *to be settled on the mother as dower, and Griffin to bring up the daughters, and raise their* 300*l. each from the profits of the land and money. On consideration thereof, the Committee recommend its adoption, except that* 300*l. be paid the daughters from the* 4,000*l., lessening the payment to each son by* 100*l. Signed by Montague and Lambert.* [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 13. **49.** Petition of Rich. Lee, master, Wm. Simes, confrater, and the poor of Wigston's hospital, Leicester, to Council. We have complained of several grievances and abuses in our hospital, and begged examination; we request a commission to Col. Fras. Hacker and 7 other honest and godly men named, to prevent losses to the hospital. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 13. Reference thereon to Strickland, Rous, and Mulgrave, to speak with the Attorney and Solicitor General as to the proper way of issuing such a commission, and whether in the present constitution of the Duchy [of Lancaster] it should be under the duchy seal, and to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 535.]

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1. The Treasury Commissioners to receive all discoveries brought in by William and Mary Denny, till the 720*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* due to her late husband, Major John Gunter, from the County Commissioners of Pembroke, is paid, as ordered 21 June 1654.

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2, 3. Order—on Lambert's report from the Committee on the sheriffs' business, in order to lessening their charge—that, as for many years complaints have been made of the excessive charges burdening the office of sheriff, through the example of some, which discourage those employed, the Majors General appoint in their respective counties a troop of horse to attend the sheriff at the assizes, to wait on the judges, and perform the services that have been required of the sheriff's men, and to demean themselves with all respect and diligence.

That no gratuity be given by any sheriff to the judges, clerks, or officers, nor any table or entertainment kept for them or for the justices of peace at the assizes, at the sheriff's charge. A letter to be written to the sheriffs that his Highness and Council will consider how to lessen the charges of passing their accounts. Approved 13 Feb.

4. Some rules and orders for better managing the prize business, reported from the Committee thereon, read, and to be considered to-morrow.

5. **50.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning 135 barrels of powder to be issued for the service of Scotland out of the 500 barrels sent to Leith; also 260 barrels of musket shot, 20 tons of match, and 500 spades desired by Gen. Monk, in his letter of Jan. 24—that the 135 barrels of powder be issued from Leith, and ⅓ of the other proportions, viz., 86 barrels of musket shot, 6½ tons of match, and 166 spades be sent hence by the first ship going. The Scotch Committee to consider what further proportion of the above may be spared out of stores there. Approved 16 Feb.

7. The petition and papers of Capt. Thos. Constable, for himself and officers, and the widows of Capts. Rich. Warren, Thos. Howse, and their officers, referred to Wolsley, Rous, and Strickland, to report.

8. Maj. Geo. Sedascue and Capt. John Nelthorpe to command 2 troops of horse in the established army, and respectively officiate as adjutant general of horse and foot, and until the commands of the troops be assigned to them, their pay to be 15*s.* a day, with arrears of that proportion since July 23; but after the commands come, 5*s.* a day for the office of Adj.-General shall be established for each. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasury Commissioners accordingly. Approved 16 Feb.

9. Order—on a letter of 22 Nov. 1654 from the Army Committee—that the information enclosed from Capt. Rich. Harrison, concerning a quantity of powder, match, and bullet concealed in the Isle of Ely by Mich. Morfell of Wisbeach, be transmitted to Maj. Haynes, Deputy Maj.-General of the Isle of Ely.

12. Order—on a certificate from Thos. Bonner, Wm. Johnson, and Geo. Dawson, aldermen of Newcastle, of Nov. 15, 1655, on Council's reference of 13 Sept., that they had viewed the fortifications about the castle, which were partly fallen and partly ruinous, and think they might be wholly removed; and that they have had the old drawbridge, foundation stones, carriages, and wheels valued, and they are worth 10*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*; also on a letter from Wm. Taylor, master gunner, of Nov. 20, that he had sold by order the mainguard at

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Newcastle for 50*l.* 4*s.*, from which he paid 29*l.* for sending away ammunition, and has 20*l.* odd remaining, not having received anything for his pains and journeys to London with the ammunition—that the above mentioned works be demolished and taken away, and that Taylor keep the 20*l.* and also the stones, drawbridge, &c. Approved 16 Feb.

13. The letter from the mayor and other magistrates of Hull, concerning the restraint of Dutch ships from coming into port for a certain time, in respect of the late infection in the Netherlands, referred to Lambert, Lisle, and Strickland, to advise with the Lord Mayor of London and Sir Chris. Pack concerning the convenience of keeping the said restraint, and report.

14. Order—on Gen. Monk's letter of Dec. 4 concerning defects of Berwick garrison, and on a certificate from Lieut.-Col. Mayer, Governor of Berwick, and others appointed to view the fortifications, storehouses, &c., that the repairs now necessary will cost 150*l.*, and those shortly necessary 300*l.*; also on a letter from Mayer, of Dec. 19, 1655, stating that 500*l.* remains in the hands of Ralph Salkeld, a Commissioner there in Col. Fenwick's time, for which he is now called to account, and praying payment thereof, to enable him to pay for former works and to proceed in repairs—that 300*l.* of the 500*l.* be paid to Mayer by Salkeld for repairs, and that Mayer return account of the corn lately left stored at Berwick, which he was authorised by order of Oct. 20 to sell for the State.

15. Embree to inspect the common bridge and stairs leading from Whitehall to the Thames, and order what is necessary for their immediate repair.

16. The clerks of council to take Mr. Banks' accounts of the 200*l.* given him as steward for judges' expenses on the commission of Oyer and Terminer for the northern counties, and what remains Banks is to pay on account to Jessop.

20. Order—on petition of Lionel, Earl, and Rachel, Countess of Middlesex, showing that a warrant being issued for the lady to return a particular of her estate, in order to imposing the extraordinary tax, she obtained his Highness's letter to the Maj.-General of Devon, which notwithstanding, the extraordinary tax was imposed on them, though unsuspected of delinquency—that the Maj.-General suspend proceedings. [*See Feb.* 14.]

21. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders 24 Jan. 13 Feb. 1656. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 534–539.]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. **40.** Pres. Lawrence to the Deputy Maj.-General of the Isle of Ely, Col. Rob. Castle, and Col. Fras. Underwood. The enclosed information concerning a quantity of powder, match, and bullet remaining in Michael Moorfell's hands and said to belong to the State, has been sent to Council, who send it to you, desiring you to ascertain and report the truth thereof, and secure to the State what you find to belong to it. [*I.* 76, *p.* 545.]

Feb. 13. Whitehall. **41.** Pres. Lawrence to Desborow, Maj.-General of cos. Gloucester, Somerset, Cornwall, and Dorset. Council transmits to you several letters [dated 14 Aug. and 16 and 28 Sept. 1655] from former Militia Commissioners, concerning Militia money remaining in the hands of several within these counties, desiring you to examine and report. They also enclose a letter from the Monthly Assessment Commissioner in co. Dorset [of 26 Sept. 1655] concerning 12*l.* assessment money taken from the Commissioners for Blandford, Sherborne, and other places, by persons engaged in the late insurrection, desiring you to examine the matter, and have it repaid from the extraordinary county tax if you think fit. [*I.* 76, *p.* 546.]

Feb. 14. **51.** Petition of the mayor, jurates, and shipowners of Hastings and Rye, Sussex, to the Protector. Since the late differences with Spain, this and other coasts have been much infested with Ostenders and Dunkirkers, and merchants and fishermen are daily taken prize. The maintenance of the fisheries being of great importance to the nation, we beg order for their security; also the impeding of the French from fishing in those seas with unlawful nets and engines, whereby the breed of choice fish will soon be utterly destroyed. Signed by John Cromp, mayor, and 26 others of Hastings, and by Alex. Bennet, mayor, and 20 others of Rye. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Feb. 14. **52.** Petition of John Lovering, merchant of Exeter, to Council. I had a small ship, the Lily of Barnstaple, coming from Genoa, taken by 3 ships of Brest, by a pretended commission from the eldest son of the late King. I was enforced to pay 100*l.* at St. Malo's for its redemption, and for security therefor they have taken Rich. Williams, my factor on board, prisoner to Spain. I beg leave to send over the 100*l.* if there be no other way for his release. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Order thereon that Council will not oppose the proposal for redemption of Williams. [*I.* 76, *p.* 539.]

Feb. 14. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, and orders in Council thereon, all in *I.* 76, viz.:—

Edw. Acton, gentleman, for the cancelling of a recognizance of 200*l.* into which he entered in 1649 before Mr. Frost, for his peaceable demeanour for a year; deposited 200*l.* with Rob. Hampton, his surety, which he cannot get again till the recognizance be given up. Also Rob. Hampton, to be released of the recognizance, Acton suing him for interest for the 200*l.* Order for its delivery. [*I.* 92, *No.* 320, *I.* 76, *p.* 541.]

Edw. Davis, merchant, for a prize vessel or some other relief for 3,500*l.* loss, because a vessel of his, imprested in Ireland to carry Tories to Spain, was seized and sold, and he imprisoned for refusing to carry them to Bordeaux instead of St. Sebastian's [*see Petition of John Shaw,* 21 *March* 1653–4]. Order that he be at liberty to sue forth letters of reprizal against the Spaniards, for recovery of his loss and damages. Approved 8 March. [*No.* 322, *p.* 541.]

Cordmakers' Company, for execution of the statutes forbidding foreign cord, they being a society by charter, and many poor main-

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Feb. 14. tained by their trade. "No relief to be expected." Dismissed. [*No.* 323, *p.* 541.]

Major Jer. Tolhurst. Carlisle citadel and castle are ruinous, and Geo. Faunt of Leicestershire has money for their repair; he gives a statute to Col. Fitch to secure 1,500*l.* and pays 500*l.* If allowed ⅕ of the 1,500*l.* as his discovery, will pay 700*l.* balance of the 1,000*l.*, if the statute may be delivered him and Col. Fitch discharged. Referred by the Committee for Petitions, 31 Dec. 1655, to the Treasury Commissioners. Petition renewed, stating that Tolhurst laid out money from his own purse for repairs; that the soldiers were forced to quarter abroad, which is unsafe; that 2,750*l.* was in Faunt's hands at first, but 600*l.* was ordered to be paid to the Commissioners for co. Leicester, and 600*l.* to Sir Art. Haselrigg, and begging payment of the balance. Referred by the Committee for Petitions 4 Jan. 1655–6 to the Treasury Commissioners, to get in the money and certify, with allowance to the discoverer. Also reference in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire and report. [*No.* 340, 400, *p.* 541.]

Eliz. Burrell, for a pension for maintenance; 2,500*l.* was due to her husband, an ancient servant to the late King, and only 20*l.* paid. Dismissed. [*No.* 343, *p.* 541.]

Anne Leaker, *alias* Kinman, for satisfaction for 1,000*l.* seized by Sir. John Maynard on warrant from the Earl of Essex in 1644; Parliament ordered it for Sir. Thos. Middleton's advance, to be repaid by the Revenue Committee, which is not done. Dismissed. [*No.* 344, *p.* 541.]

Seamen of Ratcliffe and Limehouse, for relief; have ancient estates in Stepney manor, on leases from the Earl of Cleveland's ancestors; have put in their claims to the surveyor, and made their purchases, but the voiding of the leases is threatened. Dismissed. [*No.* 355, *p.* 541.]

Capt. John Crowther, late commander-in-chief of the Irish seas, for payment of 50*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, part of 206*l.* undertaken by him for provisions for transporting Cols. May and Gray's regiments to Ireland. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*No.* 357, *p.* 541.]

53. Wm. Godfrey, captain of the Marmaduke, for payment of 35*l.* 3*s.* disbursed in executing a warrant of the late Council of State for bringing up —— Mason, captain of a privateer, from Weymouth, is now employed to the Indies, and wants subsistence for his family. Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*No.* 360, *p.* 541. *Also copy of reference*, ½ *page.*]

Edward, son and heir of the late Col. John Moore, that the 120*l.* a year allowed him by Parliament from delinquents' estates, in lieu of his father's arrears, may be set out, to enable him to pay his father's debts and subsist. Read, and to be considered hereafter. [*No.* 362, *p.* 542.]

Col. Rich. Lawrence. Is without debentures for the greatest part of his English arrears, and it is difficult to procure them according to the rules in the Act, in respect of the time when the services were performed and his present absence, and may enforce his coming to England to get vouchers. Begs lands in Ireland in lieu of his whole English arrears, especially when under his Highness's immediate

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Feb. 14. command from Sept. 1643, as commissary of provisions in the Earl of Manchester's army, till April 1645, the new model. Was then marshal-general of the horse of the whole English army, till he went over with his Highness to Ireland. Auditor Wilcox to state his accounts according to rule, and certify what is due to him with and without defalcations. The Committee of Worcester House for stating the accounts of the soldiery to state his, to sign his debentures for so much as is made good by vouchers, and to state the arrears or demands for which he has not vouchers. Approved 8 March. [*No.* 361*a*, *p.* 542.]

54. Major Geo. Walters, setting forth his sufferings by the Spaniards, and the improbability of obtaining relief; also that 5,000*l.* is due to him on public faith, and begging leave to import 200 tons of whale fins, and 1,000 tuns of French wine, custom free. With order on report that ⅔ of what is due to him, not exceeding 5,000*l.* be allowed him by lands to be set out in Connaught, and the other ⅓ from concealed goods and estates. Nich. Bond, Hen. Broad, and Rich. Wilcox to state the accounts for his arrears, enquire what is due to him on public faith, and report. [*No.* 364, *p.* 542. *Also copy of order, ¾ page.*]

John Aymes, Walter Bould, and Ralph Martin of Sandon, co. Stafford, for a brief for a fire. Dismissed. [*No.* 370, *p.* 543.]

William and John Wakefield, and 3 others, for reparation of their losses at Basing. Dismissed. [*No.* 371, *p.* 543.]

Wardens of St. Saviour's, Southwark, for power to lay an assessment on their parish for repair of their church. Dismissed. [*No.* 373, *p.* 543.]

Prisoners for debt in custody of the sheriffs of Norwich, for an Ordinance for relief against their creditors. Cannot be done. Dismissed. [*No.* 375, *p.* 543.]

Sir. Rob. Collingwood, for self and several officers of his late regiment of foot. Raised a regiment in Northumberland for Parliament in Feb. 1647–8, and agreed with the Committee about their pay, but 1,000*l.*, still remains due, though most of it is in the hands of the persons then entrusted; begs that the gentlemen with whom he then agreed may be empowered to call in the money due, and levy the remainder according to agreement. Referred to Capt. Howard and Col. Lilburne. Dismissed. [*No.* 376, *p.* 543.]

Jane Harrington, many years servant to the Queen of Bohemia, and at great charges therein as detailed, for relief. Dismissed. [*No.* 377, *p.* 543.]

Wm. Gore of the Inner Temple, for the Escheator's place on this side Trent, to him and his son Gerard; lost his office of Feodary for London by the taking away of the Court of Wards. Dismissed. [*No.* 379, *p.* 543.]

Hen. Wansey, for satisfaction for his estate in Chapel Hainault, if his Highness, in whose presence the difference between him and Fras. Ingoldsby was referred to arbitrators, and an award made, continue Ingoldsby there. Dismissed. [No. 380. *p.* 543.]

Ralph Hudson, for arrears and continuance in his office as provost marshal of Manchester garrison, and co. Lancaster; was quartermaster,

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cornet, and lieutenant in Col. Ashton's regiment in Lancashire from 1642 to 1648, and was then made provost marshal. Trusted many of his prisoners, and is not paid by the Committee because he applied to his Highness for confirmation in his office. Referred to Major.-Gen. Worsley, commander-in-chief of co. Lancaster, to examine and report. [*No.* 382, *p.* 543.]

Feb. 14. Notes of like petitions, all in *I.* 92, on which no Council order was given, viz.:—

M. de Barrière, agent for the Prince of Condé. The St. Anne of Sebastian, taken in May 1652, was certified by the Admiralty Judges, and ordered to be restored to the Prince of Condé, and Mootham's recognizance in the Admiralty of 6,000*l.* entered on his seeing out letters of reprizal, is forfeit; prays that the 6,000*l.* may be levied. Directed to be let alone. [*No.* 330.]

Gualter Frost, for allowance of 75*l.* for extra disbursements, and an increased salary for his expenses as treasurer of the contingencies of Council. Consideration requested, his charge being great. "Remember it another time." [*No.* 336.]

Nich. Cheltenham, for $\frac{1}{5}$ of his discoveries; brought in 10,500*l.* by discovering the Countess of Arundel, and the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners certify his discoveries to come to 529*l.*, but have not power to pay. "Fit to be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$, no order made but passed on." [No. 339.]

[Feb. 14.] **55.** Petition of the owners of the Constant Warwick to the Protector, to consider a copy of an order of the Admiralty Judges enclosed, and give order to the Collectors for Prize Goods to pay them 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, being $\frac{1}{3}$ of 400*l.* deposited in their hands to be disposed of as the then Admiralty Committee should think fit. Some years since, two merchant ships of London, the Mary Ann Frances and William and Sarah, were rescued from the Irish by the Constant Warwick, whereupon the said 400*l.* was deposited to be distributed as gratuities, and $\frac{1}{3}$ belonged to petitioners, who applied to the Admiralty Committee to order the same; they directed the Judges of the Admiralty to report the business, which being done, and petitioners long expecting an order thereupon, it is now pretended by the Clerk of the Committee that the petition and judges' report cannot be found, so that petitioners are like to be deprived of their due, the present collectors, in whose hands the money remains, refusing to pay the same without order. [1 *page; also* 92, *p.* 564.]

[Feb. 14.] **56.** Petition of Wm. Jessop and Thos. Turner, for themselves and the rest of the owners of the Constant Warwick, to the Protector and Council. Some years since, their ship, with help of the Crescent, rescued from the Irish pirates 2 merchant ships of London; for the salvage thereof 400*l.* was deposited with the old collectors for reprisals, and part of it disposed of by the late Admiralty Committee, but $\frac{1}{3}$, being 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, still remains in their hands, as due to petitioners by Ordinance of Parliament, confirmed by the Admiralty Judges. Beg payment thereof. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

Feb. 14. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of John Watson, chaplain to the Constant Worwick in 1647, for his part of 100*l.* in the hands of the Prize Goods' Commissioners for prize money due to the ship's company. [*I.* 92, No. 368.]

Feb. 14. **57.** Reference in Council of the said petitions, and also of that of Capt. John Edwin, commander of the Crescent, about their share of the said prize money, to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to give orders in the respective cases, or if needful, report to Council. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 342.] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Reference thereon by the Admiralty Commissioners to Thos. Smith, and the rest of the late Prize Goods' Commissioners.* 12 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

57. II. *Report by Thos. Smith and John Hill, late Commissioners, that the value of the vessels rescued was* 12,000*l.*; *that of the* 400*l. for salvage money, part was paid on orders of the Admiralty Committee, and the balance, being* 167*l.* 12*s.* 5*d., they paid into the Exchequer when their employment ended.* 12 *May* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

57. III. *Report by Rich. Blackwall and John Sparrow, present Commissioners, that they find the* 167*l.* 12*s.* 5*d., belonged to the mariners of the Constant Warwick and Crescent, but their predecessors having paid it for the State's service, no part of it ever came to them. Prize Office,* 23 *May* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Note of a petition of John Field, printer to the late Parliament for payment of his bills of 1,274*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and 391*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* Referred to Mr. Scobell, and his account agreed to. [*I.* 92, *No.* 359.]

Feb. 14. Order thereon in Council that the 1,665*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* due to him be paid from rents, debts, &c., owing in the survey of the Exchequer, Duchy of Lancaster, or Court of Wards, not discharged, and that the Treasury Commissioners give him power to levy and recover the same. Approved 16 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 540, 551.] *Annexing,*

58. *Report alluded to.* [½ *page.*]

58. I. *Proposal by Field that his debt should be discharged in the manner ordered, the charges of which he estimates at* 213*l., beside loss of interest for long forbearance.* [1 *page.*]

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3. Order on report from the agents for wine licences, to advise his Highness to empower them to act therein by letters patent; that they may have power to let leases, not exceeding 11 years, which are to become void in case of ill manners; that they may make grants under a seal of office, and confirm leases under the Great Seal gratis; and that they may collect arrears as well as growing rents.

4. Order that Rich. Creed, deputy treasurer of the fleet, be empowered to sign bills of exchange for money taken up by Gens. Blake and Montague, according to their instructions, as the deputy treasurer of the last fleet did. Approved 21 Feb.

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5. **59.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Navy Treasurer to pay the above Rich. Creed for service of the fleet 5,000*l.* in Spanish money. Approved 21 Feb.

32. The petition of Col. Arthur Hill referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

33. To advise the payment from the Treasury, with arrears, of the weekly pensions formerly paid by Mr. Frost, viz. :—Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, 6*l.* with 60*l.* arrears; Marg. Levingston and 3 others 4*l.*; and Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, 40*s.* with 2 weeks' arrears.

34. All payments of pensions granted out of the Exchequer to be made gratis, without fees to any of the officers.

35. The proposals for improving the forests referred to the Lord Deputy, Jones, Strickland, Lambert, Mulgrave, Lisle, Fiennes, and Wolsley, to report.

37. Capt. Rich. Hooker, an officer who has served the States of Holland, to have liberty to transport thither 2 horses on Sir Peter Killigrew's desire.

38. Approval by the Protector of an order of 13 Feb. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 539–545.]

Feb. 14. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Desborow, Major-General of co. Devon. The petitions of the Earl of Middlesex and his lady, being referred by the Protector to Council, such satisfaction has been given that all proceedings against their estates in co. Devon are to be stayed till further order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 546.]

Feb. 14. **60.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Jos. Williamson, Saumur. I am pleased that you are settled at Saumur. I convey my letters by your Monsieur, of the Ville de Venise, but direct mine, as I have ordered my son, to Mr. Paul of the Still-yard. I hope both your pupils will equally improve; I have a concern for Mr. Norris, as I am the cause of his being a traveller. I hope with you that the hearers may as eagerly practice moral philosophy as they hear it. I find your pension is raised, but I hope your accommodation merits it. I will not be lazy in my returns to you, but show myself a careful father.

P.S.—Let Brome write French daily, and if needful, let him have a writing master. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 15. **61.** Petition of Ralph Smith to the Protector. I have been serving stone for Whitehall 10 years, and on 13 Feb. 1653–4, I got 6 warrants to protect my servants and 6 hoys bringing stone from Quinborow castle to Whitehall, but being of ancient date, they are not obeyed. As there is great want of stone, I beg new warrants. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

61. I. *Petition of Ralph Smith to the Protector, for a license to protect from impress hoys and men bringing stones from Quinborow to Whitehall. Has served the State 7 years with paving stones, and cannot now do it, because there is only a master and servant on each hoy, and the men are impressed.* 7 *Feb.* 1653–4. [1 *page.*]

61. II. *List of the masters of the* 6 *hoys for whom warrants are requested.* [⅔ *page.*]

61. I. *Warrant thereon by the Council of State, by order of the Protector, securing the master and men of one of the hoys from impress.* 13 *Feb.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 15. Order in Council for a warrant securing the said 6 masters and their 6 servants from impress. [*I.* 76, *p.* 550; *I.* 112, *p.* 273.]

Feb. 15. **62.** Petition of Fras. Ashe, governor, and the Muscovy Company, to the Protector, to free from impress the men whose names are annexed, being experienced in the whale fishery, without whom the voyage cannot be mannaged. Notwithstanding former losses, have prepared 3 ships for Greenland in March, and the loss of their voyage would be a loss to the State, whale oil and fins being necessary commodities. [½ *page.*]

62. I. *List of* 37 *harpooners and steersmen hired for Greenland for the ensuing year.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 15. Order in Council thereon for warrants for securing the said men. [*I.* 76, *p.* 550; *I.* 112, *p.* 273.]

[Feb. 15.] **63.** Instructions to be observed by Commissioners for Prize Goods:—

1. You are to receive and take into your custody all prize ships, goods, arms, ordnance, ammunition, plate, moneys, and provisions brought into any road, port, or creek of this Commonwealth by any of the State's vessels of war, or which shall otherwise (by any seizure or other captures, either at sea or in port) belong to the Commonwealth, and the same to sell and dispose of, for the use and benefit hereafter directed.
2. You are to take care that under you be employed such honest and able persons as that you will be responsible for them.
3. All prizes which shall be brought in as aforesaid, you shall, by yourselves or your substitutes, take due care that they be speedily proceeded against in the Court of Admiralty, and in case any prize vessel have perishable goods, present the nature of them to the Admiralty Court, and obtain an order for their disposal, so as no disadvantage may accrue to the Commonwealth.
4. You shall take and keep true inventories of all the said prize vessels with their apparel and furniture, goods, &c., and cause appraisement to be made thereof to the right and true value, without fraud or deceit, so that the same may be truly accounted for when required; and after the said prizes shall be sentenced in the Court of Admiralty, or ordered for sale, you shall forthwith put the same to public sale, by the candle or otherwise; and if it appear of more advantage to the State's interest, cause publication to be made of such sales some time before hand, in the chief cities and market places of England, the highest bidders to have the said prize goods delivered them, on payment as is herein directed.

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5. On sale of any prize goods, ½ the money due is to be paid to the State, upon or the next day after the sale, and the other ½ within 14 days following, or sooner, upon delivery of the goods; in case of any failure of contract, then you are to resell the goods, and implead the buyers in the Admiralty Court or the Exchequer for recovery of damages by nonperformance of contract.

6. You are to require and take an account of every prize vessel, with all its apparel, furniture, and lading, from such captains, masters, officers, or mariners as bring the same into port, or have them in custody, or are concerned therein, and all papers, dockets, bills of lading, accounts, evidences, examinations, and proofs relating thereto. The several captains, masters, commanders, &c., who bring in any prizes, or are possessed of them, are to deliver to you all such prize ships, with their apparel and furniture, goods, &c., and their papers and proofs; and you shall receive the same by indenture, expressing particularly the quality of the ship, her burden, furniture, and lading, a duplicate of which indenture you are forthwith to lodge with the Admiralty Commissioners.

7. You are to demand and receive, either in value or in kind, the tenths of all prizes brought into any road, port, creek, or haven by any private man-of-war, condemned in the Admiralty Court as lawful prize, and to be accountable for the same to the use of the Commonwealth; and you have power to administer an oath for discovery of the true value of the same.

8. You are to enquire into and search after any embezzlements, concealments, or other fraudulent deceits about prize ships or goods, and with the assistance of a justice of peace or constable, who are hereby required to be aiding and assisting therein, to search any house, shop, warehouse, cellar, ship, vessel, or any other place where you have just ground to believe any of the said prize goods may be embezzled, and to seize upon them, and keep and dispose of them for the use of the State.

9. You are to call to your aid and assistance any of the civil or military officers, and they are required to yield you the same, in pursuance of the premises, and to apprehend any person that appears to have any hand in the frauds, embezzlements, or concealments of the said prize goods, and to secure such in safe custody, in order to their further trial, according to law.

10. You are to take full examinations for the proof necessary on the State's behalf, on the bringing in of any prize, and to have them timely prepared for proceedings speedily in the Admiralty Court, and to that end, as also for the discovery of frauds and embezzlements, you are to administer an oath as you see cause.

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11. All extraordinary charges, as water carriage, cellerage, portage, &c., shall be allowed by the said cashier out of the prize money, by warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners, which shall avouch the same on the cashier's behalf, on his account in the Exchequer.

12. All such charges shall be drawn into an account by you monthly, and presented to the Admiralty Commissioners for their approbation and warrant.

13. All subordinate officers in the Prize Office, with their salaries, shall be approved by the Admiralty Commissioners, and the salaries paid them by the Receiver of Prize moneys, on warrant from the said Commissioners.

14. The ports into which prizes shall be brought, and in which you shall have officers for that service, shall be Plymouth, Portsmouth, London, and Dover; in case any prize shall be brought into any other port, and cannot be removed thence without hazard, the officers of Customs in such port shall enter upon such ship and goods on your behalf, and proceed in pursuance of your instructions.

15. You shall, in all cases of obstruction or difficulty, apply to the Admiralty Commissioners for direction and redress, and in all things else that concern the regulation of the said Prize Office, you are to observe their orders, being not repugnant to the tenor of these presents.

16. None of you, your deputies, or substitutes, shall directly or indirectly contract for, buy, or interest yourselves in any of the said prize ships, goods, &c.; and in case any such contract be made, the same shall be utterly void, and you are to forfeit to his Highness double the value thereof.

17. You shall, on the clearing and discharging of any prize ship of her cargo, as the same is landed into your stores, perfect an account for the Customs of the said ship, which account shall express the quantity and quality of the goods, the usual deductions for tare, wet, damage, &c., and the reason of such damages; the said account to be fairly written, signed, and sealed by you or your deputies on the one part, and the Commissioners of Customs on the other.

18. You shall keep a fair account of all deposited moneys, and of all restoration by order of the Court of Admiralty, during your whole employment, that a due account thereof may be had upon all demands.

19. You shall keep a perfect account of all prize ships and goods that come to you, with their appraisement, sale, and disposal, and the moneys received and paid thereupon; and at the end of every three months, present an account of it to the Admiralty Commissioners, and at all other times render a true and just account of this affair when required. Read in draft 13 Feb.; agreed on and the blanks filled up 15 Feb. [5½ *sheets; also I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 167–9, *I.* 76, *pp.* 536, 547.]

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[Feb. 15.] **64.** Instructions for the Sub-Commissioners of Prizes:—

Imprimis. You are to communicate to the Deputy-Comptroller for Prize Goods in your port all letters, orders, or other writings which you receive, with all your proceedings concerning your trust as Commissioners for Prizes, and to let him have the sight and perusal of all books of accounts, or other papers kept by you in your management of the said trust.

You are to take your said deputy-comptroller's advice and consent in all bargains and agreements made with any person in behalf of the Commonwealth, and relating to this service.

On the bringing in of any prize into your port, you are to acquaint the deputy-comptroller, who is to affix his seal, together with yours, upon the hatches, which are not to be broken open without both your knowledge and consent; when you have to employ waiters on board any ship, or any persons on shore, you are to appoint one, and the deputy-comptroller another. But if only one be required, you, with the deputy-comptroller, are to approve of the person and his allowance.

On the unlading of any ship, you are to order all weighable goods to be weighed, all measureable goods measured, and all liquid goods that have suffered leakage to be filled up, so that the person into whose custody they are committed may have a certain charge, and he is to deliver to the deputy-comptroller an exact inventory of the same, which the deputy-comptroller is to enter, for preventing embezzlements. When any of these goods are sold and to be delivered forth by the warehouse keeper, &c., your order, with the deputy-comptroller's entry thereupon, shall be his sufficient warrant.

You are to acquaint the deputy-comptroller when any prize ship or goods be put to sale, of the place and time, that he may assist you in the well managing thereof, so that no wrong may be offered to the Commonwealth, if by any of your means it may be prevented.

You are to order that when any ship or goods are appraised, the appraisers write two perfect inventories of whatsoever they appraise.

You are to acquaint the deputy-comptroller of all such orders as you receive for entry of prize goods in the Custom House, that he may sign the same before entry be made thereof.

No allowance to be made by you on account of any defective goods exposed to sale, without the consent of the deputy-comptroller.

All the sail and small rigging, or other things subject to embezzlement belonging to any prize vessel, to be put into the hold, or into the hands of some warehouse keeper for preservation.

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The deputy-comptroller to (be or) appoint one of the appraisers, and Mr. Row to take care this be done in the Admiralty Court from time to time. [*Draft*, 2¾ *pages.*]

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4. The petition of Chris. Newstead, B.D., minister of Maidenhead, referred to Maj.-Gen. Goffe, to examine and report; Newstead to retain possession and preach meanwhile.

6. **65.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Navy Treasurer to pay Vice-Admiral Badiley 200*l.* for his disbursements for the State. Approved 15 Feb.

7. The rules for management of the Prize Office being agreed to after debate, order to advise the appointment of 4 commissioners, and to recommend Hum. Blake, Rob. Turpin, and Jas. Desborow.

8. Mr. Shepheard's letter and business to be considered next Wednesday.

12. The petition and papers of the clothiers and drapers of the West Riding of co. York referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report their opinion, with their report concerning alnage.

13. Approval by the Protector of an order of this day.

14. **66.** Order on a letter from the Prize Goods' Commissioners to Mr. Jessop of Feb. 14, 1655–6, that Dr. Walker prepare the draft of an order to move the Admiralty Judges, for a seizure of the moneys decreed to be restored to any of the King of Spain's subjects before the difference broke out between us and Spain, and yet unpaid by the Prize Goods' Commissioners. With note by Walker that he has prepared the order required. [*See* 1 *May* 1656.]

15. Order on a paper from the Committee on an embargo laid on the shipping of the northern parts, that the ships ready to sail for Newfoundland, or any ports out of the Channel, be allowed to go under the protection of the fleet now setting out, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give notice hereof to all the western ports, and lay an embargo for 21 days on all other ships. Approved 16 Feb.

16. The Admiralty Commissioners to hasten forth the ships to guard the coast, that they may convoy those going eastward and southward, and the Committee that brought in the report to speak with the Commissioners therein.

17. The same Committee to prepare a fit proposition to offer to the ambassador extraordinary from Holland, concerning their recalling, and forbidding all their subjects, persons, and ships to serve the Spaniard in war.

18. The same Committee to speak with the merchants about the proposals for better securing the coast, and to consult with the Admiralty Commissioners.

23. Order on report from the Admiralty Judges on the petition of Rob. Thorpe and others [*see* 5 Feb. 1656]—that letters of reprizal be granted them to the value of 10,000*l.* on the usual security. Approved 16 Feb. Granted 21 Feb. [*I.* 112, *p.* 276.] *Annexing,*

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67, 67. I. *Report alluded to, stating that the case has been prosecuted at Dunkirk* 18 *months in vain, and at Brussels* 7 *years, and that the loss is from* 10,000*l*, *to* 12,000*l*. *Doctors' Commons,* 7 *Feb.* 1656. *Signed by Cock and Godolphin.* [*Original and copy.*]

24. Order on petition of Thos. Symon, in right of his wife and co-heirs, and on a report from the referees appointed to receive appeals from the inhabitants of Guernsey, from judgment given in courts there,—wherein John, eldest son of John Fautart, deceased, is apellant against T. Symon and Elizabeth his wife—that as the referees cannot decide the matter without a trial at law, a copy of the report be sent to the bailiffs and jurates of Guernsey, who are to examine witnesses on oath, test the truth of the matter, and report.

30. Ald. Frederick, sheriff of London, Rich. Ford, merchant, and Maj. Nehemiah Bourne added to the Trade Committee.

31. The order of 12 Feb. on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that Geo. Warren, bailiff of Southwold, be sent for in custody, suspended on further consideration.

32. **68.** Order that the bailiffs of Southwold appear before Council.

32. Order on report from the Committee to whom Edw. Dendy's petition was referred, and on certificate from Thos. Shadwell, late auditor of the Revenue—that the last payment made him by Capt. Fauconberg on his fee of 1*s*. a day and 3*s*. 4*d*. board wages was for the quarter ended 25 Dec. 1652, and that from thence to 24 June 1654, when the revenues were brought into one treasury, the fees are 118*l*. 10*s*. 4*d*.—that 100*l*. be paid him out of Council's contingencies. Approved 16 Feb. *Annexing,*

69. *Certificate of T. Shadwell, alluded to.* 14 *Feb.* 1655–6. [¾ *page.*]

33. The Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, &c., sitting at at Somerset House, to consider the petition of Rich. Scutt, usher, about a debt owing him and his brother Nicholas by the late King, part of which is allowed, and to allot him what they think fit from the moneys arising from Scotch fines. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 552–556.]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Major General and Commissioners of co. Surrey. Council has considered your letter [in pursuance of the order of 27 Dec. last] on Edm. Darcy's case, and leaves you to proceed therein according to your orders and instructions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 549.]

Feb. 15. Weston. **70.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. Where shall I write to you and Ned? Send your letters to Oxford. I am glad you are in a private house with civil company. It is the best way to give the language which is much desired. I hope he will make the best use of his time. Let him not want for anything fit for him, but be as good a husband as you can. My wife sends her service. Our blessing to Ned. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 16. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval by the Protector of 8 orders, 8–13 Feb.
2. The day for the fast to be Tuesday 3 weeks.

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3, 4. To advise that Mr. Upton, Maj. Horseman, Geo. Fox, and Mr. Saltonstall be treated with to be Customs' Commissioners.

5. To advise that Ald. Ireton, Maj. Puckle, and Capt. Nath. Manton be Excise Commissioners, instead of Thos. Wood, Mr. Foxcroft, and Col. Langham. [*I.* 76, *p.* 351–2.]

Feb. $\frac{17}{27}$. Paris. **71.** C. George to Williamson. I have not written, as I had nothing for you, the post from England having failed. I have your letters, and will forward them on Saturday. [1 *page*. *French.*]

Feb. 18. Levant Company to Capt. Seaman. We are frightened by a flying report brought by the last post, that an army of 18,000 rebels is approaching, or has already laid siege to or taken Aleppo, whither, if this be so, we should be loth to venture our estates. We therefore pray you to remain at Leghorn until the arrival of next week's letters, unless you are certain the report is false. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 259.]

[Feb. 19.] **72.** Petition of artificers in copper-gilt and silver thread to the Protector, against the recent increase of the excise on copper from 2*d.* to 12*d.* in the pound. Both the copper and the spinnell used in making the thread come from abroad, and are so charged already with custom and a former excise of 12*d.* in every 20*s.* value, that the increase will ruin them, especially as most of the manufactured article is transported into Russia, Spain, Portugal, and the Indies, and merchants will furnish themselves from Holland or France at a cheaper rate. 22 signatures. [1 *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 462.] *Annexing,*

> **72.** I. *Order in the Committee for regulating Excise, on the petition of the workers of copper-gilt and silver thread, against the intolerable burden of 8d. in the lb. on copper wire, being $\frac{1}{4}$ of the value, to recommend to Parliament that it be but 2d., and to be raised in the best manner.* 27 *Sept.* 1649. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 19. **73.** Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for regulating the Excise, to report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 553.]

Feb. 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report from the Committee on Mr. Shepheard's business, that he be authorised to present to this Committee what he conceives to tend to the regulation of proceedings in the law and courts of justice. Approved 21 Feb.

2. Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, Lisle, and Rous, to open the bundle sealed up by Maj.-Gen. Worsley of the bonds he seized among Mr. Toome's goods, to read them, and hear what shall be offered in relation to any of them, and to report their opinion concerning the disposal thereof.

3. **74.** The report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning Mr. Warren's proposals about Sally read, and referred back to the Commissioners, to speak with Mr. Warren about reducing his

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demands to the lowest proportion, know what security he will give for making good his undertaking, and report.

6. The defects in Portland Castle, and an estimate for charge of reparations, referred to the Committee of Council on defects of repairs in several garrisons.

7. The letter from the Scotch Committee signed by Lord Broghill Feb. 5, concerning assignment of monthly assessments in Scotland, and the new officers that supply Mr. Bilton's place there, referred to the Committee of Council for affairs in Scotland, to report.

12. Mr. Secretary to prepare instructions according to the present debate for Mr. Pell.

13. To advise the allowance of 800*l.* a year to Mr. Pell, to commence from his arrival at Geneva.

14. To advise that Phil. Meadows be sent to Portugal.

15. Also that Maj.-Gen. Harrison, John Carew, Hugh Courtney, and Col. Rich be enlarged from confinement, and that Desborow, Lisle, Sydenham, Lambert, and Wolsley, consider how it may be done, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 552–4.]

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Whitehall.
Pres. Lawrence to Gens. Blake and Montague, generals of the fleet. His Highness and Council hear that Thos. Browne, late consul and agent at Tunis, was forced, on the late action at Tunis by the fleet under Gen. Blake, to retire aboard the fleet, leaving behind all his own and other men's property left in his charge at Tunis to the depredation of the Turks, whereby he and his friends will suffer great loss; they therefore desire you, on re-settling that affair, to make the best possible provision for repairing the consul's sufferings and damage, for restitution of the estates left behind, and for re-establishment of him and his deputy as consul and agent. [*I.* 76, *p.* 553.]

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75. Treasury Commissioners to Council. Edw. Fauconberg has petitioned us for payment as Deputy-Chamberlain of the Exchequer under his brother Thomas. The place of Chamberlain was given without patent or salary to the brother, after whose decease his Highness gave it to Edward, with 50*l.* a year from 24 June last, but we have no power to pay him from Michaelmas 1654 to 24 June 1655, though we think he deserves it. [½ *page.*]

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Cologne.
76. Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. Your account of the English taking Sta. Martha is confirmed, though the contrary is written from France and Flanders. I marvel that any of our friends apply to the Spanish minister, and meddle in matters of importance without order. I presume your friend *Snetle* (?) has some directions for what he does from *Hyde* whose confidant he is *more than Oudart* (?) is, *and more than* those who understand *him better* than *I* do think *he deserves*, but if I hear truth, the *King of Spain* * * with you * * * of the *secret affair* relating to *the King*.

Count Fuensaldagua's going for Milan is deferred till next summer's campaign. *Watson's* (?) applications to *Hyde* are so great and duteous as have rendered him *a great darling* of *Hyde's*, and consequently a great man in your good *doctor's* (?) *opinion*.

We believe Cromwell's first fleet will be at sea next week. I hear from France that there is no more talk of the Duke of York or any other Englishman being urged to leave that kingdom, nor of the Queen leaving Paris.

The news of the Catholic Swiss beating the Protestants is confirmed, and few of our party pity them, for those were the zealous instigators of the Dutch to make peace with Cromwell, and France takes part with those godly Protestants against the others which are Catholics.

Those of Ostend have lately set on an English convoy, going from Zealand to Dover, and taken from it a galliot laden with Spanish wools. I hear the Dutch say the English friendship is useless, since Cromwell will not annul the Act for regulating Trade. We hear from England that the Dutch ambassador is selling his coach horses and the rest of his wine. Cromwell is sending an ambassador to Sweden; Whitelock is named, and though it is said he declines, he will not be excused.

There is a great difference in Ireland between young Cromwell and the Commissioners there, and Fleetwood will suddenly return to pacify it. Some of Cromwell's creatures lately told the citizens of London that they are not feared, because they have trade to fill their heads, but the nobility and gentry who are idle.

We hear from Paris that the French are preparing strong fleets both for the British and Mediterranean seas, to join Cromwell's fleets for designs in Flanders and Italy.

We expect by the next post an *invitation from Flanders* for the *King's going thither*, and *Hyde* is so full of belief *of it as* he is earnest *with me* that *I* should prepare to *go with him on Monday* next from *here, but till I* see that *the King is invited I* shall *not be* so *hasty;* if the *King* shall *command me to* [go] when the first *company* doth, *I* shall *leave* my wife and *family here till I* see where *the King* will *settle*, and Ned, who is lame with the gout, shall *stay with* his mother. If the *King* when *in Flanders* makes a conjunction with *Spain* and settles in those parts, consider whether you had not best remove thither. When we see how affairs stand, there may be some use for your service; *advise of this* with the good *doctor* (?) who is *with you*, who is *great with Hyde*, and *I* tell *you as* my *friend* do not to the *doctor* (?) seem to *rely on any friend at Court but on Hyde*, for that *is* the *only* sure *way* for *you to get* employment, when *there* shall be *any* worthy *of you, but keep* this to *yourself*. [2⅔ *pages; the italics are in cypher, not deciphered; the stars represent words to which there is no key.*]

Feb. 20. **77.** Petition of Wm. Potter, gentleman, to the Protector. On 18 March 1653–4 you granted me a patent for my invention of an engine to raise water to supply towns, drain mines, &c., for 14 years, but I have since found better ways; I therefore beg its renewal, with addition of my other inventions. [⅓ *page.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Note of the additions to the patent desired.* [¾ *page.*]

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Feb. 20. **78.** Reference thereon by Council to Desborow, Lambert, Rous, Mulgrave, Lisle, Wolsley, and Skippon, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 555.]

Feb. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. A paper from the Ambassador of Venice concerning some goods of his taken in the Grimmam frigate as the arms of Memblick, referred to Desborow, Lisle, Mulgrave, and Rous, to hear what is to be offered, and report.

2. To advise his Highness, when speaking with the judges, to notice the complaints made of the abuses by marshals in calling causes at the assizes, to the prejudice of the people, and often to the loss of their causes, by preferring one before another at pleasure, so that an effectual course should be taken that the causes may be called in their right order. The Lord President to represent this to his Highness.

3. The Lord Deputy, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Pickering, Strickland, Rous, Lisle, Fiennes, Jones, Montague, and Desborow to consider the complaint concerning undue course taken in allowing great costs to the plaintiffs, on trials when the damages found are very small, to advise with the counsel learned or judges how it may be amended, and report.

8. The bill of exchange now presented, charged on the Navy Treasurer by Thos. Broughton, Wm. Crispin, and Rich. Wadeson, to pay 420*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* to Thos. Brattle, referred to the Committee on the list of bills of exchange for the services of Jamaica, to report.

9. Order on Lambert's report that his Highness's lifeguard consist of a captain at 511*l.* a year, 9 other officers, and 160 soldiers at 4*s.* a day, being 11,680*l.* a year. Total cost, 14,089*l.* yearly.

10. The pay of 200 foot drawn from the foot regiments of the army for the expedition by sea, amounting at 9*d.* a day to 2,737*l.* 10*s.*, to be taken off the establishment, and applied to the additional charge of his Highness's lifeguard.

11. **79.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance Officers in the Tower, to deliver to Beale, Captain of the Lifeguards, 160 breasts, backs, and potts from the public stores. Approved 21 Feb.

12. The petition of Cornelius Burges, D.D., read, and not be committed.

13. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to consider his petition, and hear what he can say about the augmentation of 400*l.* a year for the lecture at Paul's, and to report.

14. Lambert's draft of an order of the 12 instant, about some additions to the jointure of Mary, wife of Griffin Howard, approved, and the additions to be inserted in the order.

15. Sir John Reynolds and Wm. Wheeler presented a report from the Trade Committee concerning transportation of corn and cattle out of Ireland.

18. Order—on the petition of the burgesses, &c., of Chipping Wycombe, Bucks, to the Protector, referred by him to Council, and

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by them, 14 Nov. last, to Col. Tobias Bridges that—as Bridges went down thither, and the mayor and aldermen, &c., voluntarily submitted their differences to him to determine all matters concerning charitable gifts to the poor, and engaged to abide by his order, which they signed,—the award be ratified, viz.:—

That there be charged on the butchers' shambles 10*l.* a year for the poor, in lieu of 120*l.* poor money employed in its erection, and 2*l.* a year in lieu of 40*l.* raised by the sale of woods belonging to the poor, which sums the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses are to pay to the overseers of the poor, out of the profits of the shambles.

That 5*l.* from the Antelope Inn, and the rents of lands in Colshill, co. Herts, purchased by the town for 180*l.* and 100*l.*, and lands in Huggindon, Herts, value 5*l.* a year, and purchased with poor money, be employed for the poor; that these lands and rents be settled within 3 months on 6 substantial inhabitants in trust for the poor, the first trustees to be named by Jas. Bigg, Mr. Fisher, and Jos. Wetham, with power to the 3 last survivors to convey the trust to others.

That 20*l.* paid for many years past out of the market toll for the poor, and in arrear when Nich. Bradshaw was mayor, and when Mr. Guibons was last mayor, to be paid by them in 3 months to Sam. Guy, John Grove, and Wm. Bovington, to defray the charge of their prosecutions in behalf of the poor.

That the mayor and bailiffs pay yearly to the overseers of the poor the 20*l.* market toll.

That for the reasons named in the award, Nich. Bradshaw be removed from his offices of alderman, justice, and burgess, and Stephen Bates take his place; that Thos. Sedgwick, one of the bailiffs, John Bowlter, town clerk, and Geo. Howdeats, serjeant-at-mace, be also removed.

That the corporation charter be surrendered for renewal, with such alterations as his Highness shall think fit; and that Jeremiah Emery, Jos. Wetham, Sam. Wells, Robert and Wm. Fryer, Joshua Grange, Rich. Beddar, and John Raunce be added to the common council, till a new charter be granted. Approved 8 March. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 554–9.] *Annexing,*

80. *Report by Maj.-Gen. Lambert on which the said order is founded.* [1½ *pages.*]

80. I. *Declaration by Hen. Elliott, mayor, and* 24 *other burgesses of Chipping Wycombe, of their willingness to abide by the decision of Col. Bridges as to the matters in difference between them and others, concerning charitable gifts for the poor.* 19 *Dec.* 1655. [1 *sheet; copy.*]

80. II. *Award by Col. Tobias Bridges, giving in detail the grounds of his opinion on which the above report and order are founded.* 31 *Jan.* 1655–6. [3 *sheets.*]

80. III. *Request by Col. Bridges that the Protector and Council will confirm the said award.* [¾ *page.*]

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Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Whalley, Major-General of co. Lincoln, &c. His Highness and Council having received complaints against John Hobson, late in the commission of peace for the county, referred the case to Fras. Clinton, Hum. Walcot, and Rob. Yerburgh [*see* 26 Oct. 1655], and they certify that Hobson has taken several fines that should go to the poor, bound several persons to keep the peace, and released them before the sessions, taking money from them,—as he said, as fees for the clerks of the peace,—and taking 2*s*. 4*d*. from men that came to be married, though they had paid 2*s*. to the registrar. This is a dishonour to Government, and a wrong to the people and to justice, and deserves exemplary punishment. We wish the cause to be effectually prosecuted next assizes, and have written to the said gentlemen to assist you. [*I.* 76, *p.* 556.] *Annexing,*

81. *Certificate of the said referees, requesting that the case may be referred to the Major-General, there being many witnesses, and Pimlowe compensated for his charges in prosecuting it.* 30 *Jan.* 1655–6. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages,*]

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Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Francis Clinton, alias Fiennes, Humphrey Walcot, and Robt. Yerburgh. Council has received your certificate and is sensible of the dishonour done to Government, &c., by John Hobson, and wrong to the people and to justice itself by the miscarriages proved against him, and of his deserving severe punishment, and have recommended the same to Maj.-Gen. Whalley, for effectual proceedings at the next assize. That proof against him may not be wanting, we desire you to supply Whalley with all necessary particulars. [*I.* 76, *p.* 556.]

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82. Petition of Rob. Wilson, gentleman, to the Protector. Has served 8 years under the late Committee for the Public Revenue, and is 200*l*. in arrear of his salary and disbursements. The real and personal estate of recusants being, by Jesuitical policies and fraudulent conveyances, much concealed, begs to be appointed to the office of agent for bringing it in. Having spent his life in the labour of the pen, has attained skill and experience. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Account in* 13 *items of the duties to be performed by an agent constituted to bring in recusants' estates.* [1 *page.*]

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1. The petition of Geo. Brown, of Lurgeshall, co. Wilts,—that the Majors General may not tax him $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate, as he has paid $\frac{2}{3}$ thereof for recusancy, and was never in arms for the late King, nor compounded for delinquency, and is now a prisoner in the Upper Bench for debts contracted in the maintenance of his 14 children,—read, and referred to the Majors General and Commissioners of cos. Berks and Wilts, to examine the fact, and report.

2. **83.** A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, showing the defectiveness of the powder stored in the Tower and Windsor Castle, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Sydenham, Lisle, Wolsley, Skippon, Mulgrave, Jones, and Strickland, to consult with the

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Admiralty Commissioners, contractors, and others, ascertain the fact, and report. *Annexing,*

83. I. *Report alluded to, that having to furnish the fleet with large quantities of powder for the present expedition, they inspected and proved the stores in the Tower and Windsor Castle, delivered since August* 1653, *and find most of it defective, so that there is hardly enough to send with the fleet. This is occasioned by fraud in the contractors, who use some sleight to make it Tower-proof on delivery, but it does not long continue good, nor abide change of weather.* 20 *Feb.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

3. **84.** Notice to be sent to the Commissioners of Customs of the embargo on ships ordered 15 Feb. [*See p.* 187 *supra.*]

4. The petition of the mayor and commonality of New Sarum referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Wolsley, and Lisle, to advise with his Highness's counsel at law concerning the request, and report.

7. Mr. Secretary's instructions for Mr. Pell read, amended, agreed to, and approved by his Highness.

9. The petition of John, Randal, George, Mary, and Sarah Mainwaring, the late Col. Randal Mainwaring's children, referred to Lambert, Strickland, Wolsley, and Lisle, to report.

10. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders. 10–20 Feb. [*I.* 76, *p.* 560–2.]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. **85.** Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners of Customs. His Highness and Council, considering the present state of affairs, have ordered a general embargo for 21 days on all ships, strangers as well as English, except those going to Newfoundland or any ports out of the channel under protection of the fleet. I give you notice that you may cause the embargo to be laid. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 560.]

Feb. 21. London. **86.** Maurice Thomson to Wm. Jessop. Please deliver to the bearer all my Irish papers which I left when I presented my petition about Irish lands. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I. *List of* 5 *documents alluded to.* [*Scrap.*]

Feb. 21. **87.** Bill by Rich. Cawthorne, stationer, for goods supplied to a Committee not named, from 25 May 1653 to 6 Nov. 1655, total 26*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*; with note by G. Almery that the casting up is right, but that the Committee could not possibly require so many things, as their sittings have been intermitted the last 5 months. [2½ *columns.*]

Feb. 21. Marlborough. **88.** Thos. Cox, agent for Wilts, to Col. Jno. Clarke. I understand that Mr. Chapman has been to the Army Committee about an order made by the Commissioners for the County at a general meeting, and that he was told that the Commissioners had power in the business, and that it was left to them; I thank you, being very sensible the Army Committee could have made the Commissioners' order of no value.

Chapman's character is well known to all the country; I will only say that if it were known to Major Packer, I am confident he would never speak a word for him; his evil carriage is the cause of all the trouble. I am thankful for this and all other favours, and will observe and obey your commands. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. / March 2. Paris. **89.** T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas, Cologne. The prologue of *Dick Pile's* letter, enclosed in yours of Feb. 22, I do not understand, unless it be a disguise to the metaphor of keeping a shop in the latter part. I think by his uncle Sturbridge he means Bristol, where his friends will furnish him with $\frac{2}{3}$ of those 1,000 *foot* and 500 *horse* which were promised at *Gloucester,* besides charges, &c. By the journeymen Howes and Jones are meant none but those in the cypher.*

The debtor named Rascarick is my private matter; I wanted money from him and cannot get it. I have asked *Pile* to meet me at Dieppe or Calais, to unriddle some of his obscure letters, for there is more in it than we understand. I have, at his request, procured him access to some persons of zeal and interest, who have thanked me for the acquaintance, and said they would speedily improve it to your advantage, but I cannot divine how, except by removing *Cromwell,* to which one of them had specially devoted himself. As they cannot trust their minds to paper I will sell my clothes to gain 20 pistoles to meet him. I send you a letter (*missing*) headed Cologne, and writ from thence by *Blake, Seymour's* chamber fellow; it is very enigmatical and ridiculous in style, but coming from a person so near his master, it has gone from hand to hand in England, and has much discouraged *the King's* friends. Such writers should be admonished, for though his friends are not vainly to be elevated with great expectations of his business, neither are they to be discouraged from abroad, having too many difficulties at home. I had the copy of the articles from Mr. Samburne, who got it from a person of honour, on oath not to give a copy; but I persuaded him to get them by heart and let me have the original. I should like to know whether they differ materially from yours.

I am much comforted in the hopes you give of *the King's* remove to *Antwerp.* There is no great fear of *the King of Spain's* complying with *Cromwell,* who gains on him. I believe *Pile* writes that 4,000 single women, most of whom were then in the Tower, are to be sent to Jamaica to propagate there, so I think they have got more than we hear of the Indies; it is time for Spain to look about her. The admirals are Desborow, Blake, and Montague.

I hear that Lieut. Gen. Ludlow is at liberty in London, but cannot obtain leave to speak with the Protector. The discontents increase there daily, and as the fleet increases, the army diminishes. The $\frac{1}{5}$ only of it is of the old army, the rest new raised.

P.S.—*Pile's* mistress in the note means *the King's* affairs. [2 *pages. The Italics are cyphers, undecyphered.*]

Feb. 21. **90.** Da. Francis [*Dick Pile*] to *Col. Whitley,* English merchant, Paris. I hear that the *army* has furnished the *fleet* with 500 more

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* Howes is the Marquis of Ormond, Jones, Sir Ri. Page.—Ed.

men, but this will not be enough, so low was its condition. You were too severe on *Cromwell*, which will soon appear by offering *the King of Spain* a treaty, if he knows it will be accepted; but if it be refused, *Cromwell* will omit nothing to ruin him, for now he admits Mr. Mallard's son by his first wife to visit his daughter by way of marriage, and thus links that whole family to him, which will assist him much.

Vice-Adm. Lawson is cashiered for refusing to go to sea till he knows the design. This caused some disturbance in the fleet, but it was soon remedied by Bodilar [Badiley's] appearing in his stead, and by the generals going abroad. If *Mr. Kemp* comes not soon with the *Duke of York's* antidote he will lose his labour, for my friend will hear of no other relief. *Foot soldiers* are quick at this time, so hasten sending what you intend. [1 *page. The Italics are cyphers, decyphered.*]

Feb. 22. **91.** Petition of Hen. Zinzan *alias* Alexander, aged 92, to the Protector, for 180*l.* due on his account, and a pension to preserve him from starving during the short remainder of his days. Was equerry of the great horse stable to King James, with 100*l.* a year, and 36*l.* for 2 horses; also 10*l.* a year as brigardine in the Tower.

Is now removed from his dwelling in the Round House in the Mews, on which he has lately spent 24*l.* Of his arrears of 1,300*l.* has only received 150*l.*, which was by a Council order, and is in great want and misery. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Order thereon in Council advising a pension of 20*s.* a week for him. [*I.* 76, *p.* 562.]

Feb. 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Rich. Lucy, whose name was left out by mistake, to be one of the Commissioners for securing the peace in co. Herts, and the Major-General to give him notice and desire his attendance.

2, 3. Approval in Council of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers of—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Wickham Market parish church, co. Suffolk	56	13	4
Melborne parish church, co. Derby	30	0	0

Approved by the Protector 23 Feb.

5. To require the Trustees for Deans and Chapters' Lands to show why they do not proceed on an order of Aug. 20, 1655, on the petition of John Adams, a poor blind minister, for payment of his allowance, or in case of difficulty, to state the case.

6. Order—on Sydenham's report to Council from the Committee to treat with the persons named to be Customs' Commissioners—that he make the report to his Highness, to ascertain his pleasure.

7. Order—on report from the Committee on the letters and papers of Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg—that the Governor

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* Mallard is the cypher for Maj.-Gen. Massey. Mallard's son is decyphered as the Presbyterian, but that is not in the cypher key, and was questioned later. See 22 March 1656, p. 237.—Ed.

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and Company of Hamburg Merchants be required to bring in their charter for perusal of the said Committee, to enable them the better to make their report.

8. All proceedings in the Exchequer Court against Ald. Rob. Tichborne and Ald. Mark Hildsley, two Customs' Commissioners, on an extent awarded forth of that Court, to be forborne. The Treasury Commissioners to take order accordingly.

12. An order passed on the petition of Col. Wm. Bosevile. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 562–3.] *Annexing,*

92. *Report on the petition of Col. Wm. Bosevile and Capt. Nich. Sanderson, that* 1,252*l.* 13*s.* 9*d. is due to Col. Bosevile, the petitioner's father, who also lost* 700*l. because his tenants were plundered, lying in the midst of the King's garrisons. Capt. Sanderson produced Worcester House Debentures for* 882*l.* 18*s.* 11*d., and certifies that his whole estate, worth* 592*l.* 5*s.* 8*d., was taken from him by the Earl of Newcastle, who ordered his apprehension.*

They have had several orders for payment out of their discoveries, of which they have brought in many, but some have been taken away by the Act of Pardon. They have already received from them,—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Col. Bosevile - -	1,095	8	0
Capt. Sanderson - -	265	0	0

They pray the whole of their discoveries, and his Highness thinks, on account of their losses and good services, that their desires should be met. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the bailiff and jurates of Guernsey. His Highness and Council having passed the enclosed order on the appeal of John le Mesurier, I send it, and desire you to see it executed on any address that shall be made you by the parties concerned. [*I.* 76, *p.* 563.]

Feb. 22. **93.** Sec. J. Thurloe to Col. Jno. Clarke. His Highness desires you to attend him with a list of the ships that are to remain in the channel and where they now are. [¼ *page.*]

Feb. 23. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. **94.** The Admiralty Commissioners to take care that as many hands be set to work as possible, to make ready for sea at once 4 out of the 5 ships at Chatham (except the Sovereign), and the new ship now in building.

2. To advise his Highness to authorise Col. John Jones and Rob. Scawen to consider the best way to supply money for carrying on public affairs, and discovering what is concealed, and to report.

3. One person to be added to them for that employment, and Fiennes, Desborow, and Sydenham to think of a fit person, and report.

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4. Next Thursday, Council to consider the business offered by the Dutch ambassador, and the clerks of Council to remind them thereof.

5. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 22 Feb. [*I.* 76, *p.* 564.]

Feb. 25. Levant Company to Captain Seaman. Our last gave you notice of our fears concerning the rebels' siege or surprisal of Aleppo, wherein, as we have received no better satisfaction but rather an increase of jealousy, we conceive you cannot proceed on your journey without great danger, so we order you to stay at Leghorn for a month, on such reasonable demurrage as shall be agreed between yourselves and the factors aboard your ship and the factors of Leghorn, to whom we are now writing to deal with you in that behalf. If any, to anticipate the market, hazard their goods thither beforehand, any avania or accident therein must be borne by them, not by us, who disclaim such rash proceedings. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV.*, *p* 260.]

Feb. 25. London. Levant Company to the factors at Leghorn. The news of disturbances at Aleppo, rendering it unsafe for Capt. Seaman to proceed on his journey to Scanderoon, have decided us to order him to stay till the circumstances be over, which may be a month. We shall allow him a reasonable demurrage, which we request you and the factors who are passengers to agree on, for a month, which agreement shall be complied with by a leviation on the goods in the ship, to be paid by those to whom they are consigned. [*Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 261.]

Feb. 25. Levant Company to passengers on board the Golden Fleece. We have intimated to Capt. Seaman, Chas. Longland, Hen. Mellish, Geo. Norleigh, and James Man and Company, our great fears of the rebellion at Aleppo, whither we are unwilling you should adventure till the disturbance is settled. Therefore we have ordered Seaman's continuance at Leghorn for a month, or till you receive encouragement to proceed. Meanwhile, with the assent of those of Leghorn before named, you are to agree with the Captain on a reasonable rate of demurrage to be levied on the ship's goods. If any, in hope of extraordinary markets adventure their estates thither before Capt. Seaman, and thereby fall into any hazard, they do it at their own risk, and we disclaim any such proceeding. *Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 261.]

Feb. 25. **95.** Thos. Lamplugh to his cousin, Jos. Williamson. I am in Mr. Robinson's shop, paying him your moneys. They have this day sent to him to fetch in the 3 volumes of the Bible. My chamber-fellow, Thos. Denton, plays on his kit daily *à la mode de France*, and I cannot choose but dance in remembrance of our traveller. Your relations in London are well, and wish to hear from you.

P.S.—Pardon my brevity, for bells are chiming, and Denton will hang me in the bell ropes if I be not punctual. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 25. **96.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I cannot send your stockings and gloves, because of a 3 weeks' embargo till our fleet is ready to

1655-6. sail. It will be May before the third volume will be finished. It will take in all the Old Testament.

We are running deeply into debt to send our fleet to sea. There is great expectation of action this year; our forests, and the remainder of our Deans and Chapters' lands and impropriate tithes will soon be sold.

P.S.—Mr. Lamplugh says he will furnish the money, and if Mr. Thorndick cannot furnish your book, I can for 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* extra per volume. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 26. Hull. **97.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am much importuned to send a petition from some merchants of Hull for a convoy; they have been long without any trading, and this embargo will be much to their loss. The Dunkirkers and Ostenders ply close upon the coast, and take ships daily, and are very insulting. Some of them told our men to tell the Protector that, while he is fetching gold from the West Indies, they will fetch his coals from Newcastle. One of 20 guns now rides at Humber mouth. Pray send some men-of-war to curb their insolency and beat them off. [1 *page.*]

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5. A letter from the Council in Scotland of 9 Feb., with papers concerning the proceedings of that board, to be considered on Friday.

6. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the victualling of the fleet—that the matters proposed concerning moneys and other public affairs be considered tomorrow.

7. Order—on report from the Committee on the business of the Majors-General, to advise his Highness to reduce the militia troops in cos. Oxford, Bucks, Herts, Berks, Hants, Sussex, Kent, Cambridge, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Rutland to 80 in a troop, and pay them off till that time. Approved 20 March.

10. Desborow, Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham to be a committee to consider the suspensions made by Council of proceedings made by the Majors-General and Commissioners against delinquents, and to report.

11. Several proposals having been made to his Highness by merchants, for preserving trade and securing merchants' ships and goods, Major Chamberlain and 6 other French merchants named, Ald. Temms and 5 other Portuguese, Ald. Wm. Thompson and Frederick, sheriffs of London, and 6 other Spanish, and Martin Noel and 5 other Barbadoes merchants are to meet at Grocers' Hall next Monday, to consider these proposals, and attend his Highness and Council from time to time, to report the issue of their debates.

13–15. Approval of augmentations granted by the Trustees for Ministers, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Drax, co. York - - - -	50	0	0
Mary's, Beverley, co. York - - -	40	0	0
Lecturer „ „ - - -	20	0	0
Jos. Wheston, successor of Thos. Brayne as lecturer at Maidstone, Kent - -	50	0	0

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17. The draft of the Commission of Oyer and Terminer to be issued to the Lords Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Constable of Dover Castle, and others, for trial of pirates, to be referred to counsel learned, to consider whether it be according to law and the customs of the place, and to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 564–7.]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Desborow, Major-General of cos. Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucester. Council hearing that several within your jurisdiction have not paid their taxes in the given time, desire you to see that the money assessed be paid in forthwith, and in default of payment, to proceed according to your instructions. With note of like letter to the rest of the Majors-General. [*I.* 76, *p.* 565.]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes, Edw. Ward, high sheriff of co. Norfolk, Cols. Brampton Gurdon, Robt. Jermy, and Robt. Wood, Maj. Ralph Wormer, and Hen. King.

His Highness and Council having received a petition from the worsted weavers of Norwich and Norfolk, showing how profitable their trade has always been accounted to this nation; that when the artificers of their trade grew numerous, and many abuses crept in, whereby their goods were loathed and rejected both at home and abroad, to redress this evil an Act was passed in 1650 for 3 years, and, having a good effect, was revived in 1653, with alterations; but some persons, desiring to return to their former deceits, oppose the same, and occasion suits, causing obstructions to the petitioners, and encouragement to offenders. Council desires you to advise with the judges of assize at the next circuit for the petitioners' relief, and the preservation of the quality of their manufacture. [*I.* 76, *p.* 563–8.]

Feb. 27. **98.** Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to request directions from the Protector and Council on the following letter. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **98.** I. *Prize Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We hear from Portsmouth that Capt. Samson has brought in the St. Anne of Dunkirk, from which* 50 *men are taken and put into the common gaol, at the allowance of* 4*d. a day; the vessel is small, and the charge will speedily eat her up, unless some course be taken. Prize Office, London.* 26 *Feb.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]
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> **98.** II. *Copy of the above.* [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 28. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The business appointed yesterday to be debated to-day to be taken up tomorrow, and Council summoned at 9 a.m.

2, 3. Order on report from the Committee on the business of the Majors-General, that the Army Committee be authorised to order payment of the militia forces in the various counties, and such officers' salaries, and other contingencies as shall be agreed on.

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4. Lambert, Desborow, Strickland, Lisle, and Sydenham, to prepare an establishment for the above purpose, with rules for salaries and contingencies, and to offer it to his Highness and Council.

5. The Customs' and excise officers whom the Majors General shall appoint to that end, to observe the orders and instructions of the Majors General concerning such persons as shall land in their ports. Approved 8 March.

6. To advise an additional instruction for the Majors General, as read and agreed on. Approved 8 March.

7. Order on question that there be no preamble to the warrant for release of Maj.-Gen. Harrison, John Carew, Henry Courtney, and Col. Rich.

8. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that the first 5,000*l.* coming into the Exchequer be changed into Spanish money for the fleet, and that the Treasury Commissioners pay it to the Navy Treasurer with all possible expedition.

9. All proceedings in the Exchequer Court against the heirs and executors of Daniel Taylor, formerly a Customs' Commissioner, on the process of extent thence awarded, to be suspended till further order.

10. To advise a license to Lord Cranston to levy 1,000 men in Scotland for the King of Sweden's service.

11. **99.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the officers of the port at Bristol and others concerned to allow 3 ships bound on a fishing voyage to Newfoundland to proceed, and their men to attend the said ships, without danger of imprest; or if they see cause to the contrary, to represent it to Council.

12. Order to advise on report on the petition of Wm. Potter,—that his patent of March 18, 1653–4, for sole use of an engine invented by him for raising water, granted for 14 years, be renewed with a new invention for the same purpose added—that it be renewed with these words added, "As also for an engine for raising water by tankards, barrels, buckets, or other vessels that will hold water, hanging upon a chain and turning about with a continual motion upon a ragge wheel and lying shaft, never before practised nor granted to any other. And also for an engine with pulleys, parts of wheels, beams, and other like materials, whereby water may be raised and conveyed through any crooked way, or turning passage, and to deliver it at such parts of the mine as shall be most convenient for carrying away the said water, or to land it at the top of the bank, being never before practised nor granted to anyone of this nation." *Annexing,*

100. *Report alluded to, advising the grant. Signed by Lisle and Desborow.* [1 *page.*]

13. **101.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the officers of the Port of London to allow the 2 Swedish ships, the St. Jacob, and

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Salvadore, now at that port, to proceed at once to Sweden, the embargo notwithstanding. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 568–9.]

Feb. 28. **102.** Order in a Committee on the report of the Admiralty Commissioners concerning defective powder, that the Admiralty Commissioners attend the said Committee next Wednesday, and appoint such contractors and powder makers as they think fit to attend also. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 29. **103.** Petition of Wm. Maister, mayor, and 25 other merchants and seamen of Hull, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for a convoy to waft their ships now laden to the Scaw and the Sound of Denmark, and safeguard them on their return to Hull. They trade to the Baltic with English linsies, cloth, and new drapery, &c., but by reason of pirates and other enemies, their ships are in great danger, unless guarded by a stronger force than they can make. Will have their ships ready to meet the convoy. 26 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 29. **104.** Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners give a warrant to the State's ship which is to fetch over Mr. Rolt for England to call at Hull on his way, receive such ships as he shall find ready, and convoy them to the Scaw. [⅔ *page; I.* 76, *p.* 573.]

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3. The Commissioners for Dutch affairs to meet Lord Nieuport about the Dutch ships taken by the State's fleet in America.

4. The power granted to the Council in Scotland for 6 months to charge certain receipts there for payment of salaries to the Judges, Sequestration Commissioners, and other officers, for defraying the charges of administration of justice, and for contingencies, continued for 6 months longer. Approved 8 March.

5. The letter and papers from the Council in Scotland appointed last Wednesday to be considered to-day, and also their letter and papers of Feb. 21, concerning debtors and creditors in Scotland, to be considered next Wednesday.

6. Lambert's draft of an establishment for his Highness's lifeguard, and other orders relating thereto, agreed to, viz. :—

1 Captain at 28*s.* a day.
1 Lieutenant at 20*s.* a day.
1 Cornet, 15*s.*
1 Quarter master, 10*s.*
6 Lieutenants of the squadrons at 7*s.* 6*d.* each, 45*s.*
4 Trumpeters „ „ 3*s.* 6*d.* „ 14*s.*
160 Soldiers „ „ 4*s.* 0*d.* „ 32*l.*

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7, 8. The Army Committee to forbear payments on the former lifeguard establishment after Feb. 18, and to issue warrants to the War-treasurers to pay the lifeguard officers and soldiers according to the present establishment.

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9. Towards defraying the said charge, the pay of 200 foot taken from the foot regiments for the expedition by sea, to be taken off the Army establishment, and applied to the pay of the lifeguards.

10. **105.** Order—on petition of several merchants of Hull, for liberty for 7 ships laden there with merchandise for Rotterdam, and ready to start with a convoy of 24 guns, to be allowed to sail—that they have liberty to proceed, the embargo notwithstanding.

11. **106.** The Admiralty Commissioners to have power to give ships leave to sail from any port when they see fit, the embargo notwithstanding.

14. Order—on request of Gen. Montague that those who have the disposal of the monument money at Westminster may, at the present receivers' decease, dispose of it to the maintenance of 5 masters of music, and that Mr. Hincston may be admitted in the room of Mr. Portman, lately dead, and paid his proportion of the dividend—that Lambert, Jones, Lisle, Strickland, Pickering, Lord Deputy, and Rous, enquire into the facts, and report.

15. Order—on report from the Committee to consider where the papers of the transactions of the Irish and Scotch Committee might best be removed to from the Chair Chamber, Whitehall—that they be moved to a spare room in the house late Sir. Wm. Brunckard's, in the Old Palace, Westminster, where the Army Committee sits. Wm. Rowe to take care of the matter. Approved 8 March.

16. The petition of John Streeter for an interest in the printing of the Bible, in respect of some disbursements made him in order thereunto, referred to the Lord Deputy, Rous, Lambert, Strickland, and Jones, to report.

18. Lambert, Jones, the Lord Deputy, Strickland, Lisle, and Pickering, to consider the business concerning the Committee for Discoveries, consult with that Committee, and report. Also to consider Col. Lockhart's case, and how he may have the fruit of a former order, and report.

20. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Ministers of 30*l.* to the minister of Arlesey, co. Bedford. Approved by the Protector, 8 March.

21. **107.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that they be authorised to contract for victuals for 2,000 men for 2 months more. Approved 8 March.

22. The debate appointed for to-day to be resumed next Tuesday, and to continue from day to day, and nothing to interfere.

23. The business concerning renewing charters referred to the Committee on the petition of New Sarum, with power to send for and consult whom they please, and report.

24. To advise his Highness to send Col. Wm. Lockhart as his resident to France. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 570–3.]

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The Naseby,
Stoke's Bay.

108. Generals Blake and Montague to Lord Lawrence, President of Council. Whilst we rode at anchor in the Downs, divers Deal pilots, for themselves and other inhabitants, applied to us for help, that the houses they have built on the beach at Deal may not be taken from them, but the sale stopped, or they allowed to be purchasers. They have showed us an order from a Parliament Committee which grants them favour therein. We think it just to have the same continued, and as the fleet often resorts there, and is assisted by the petitioners, we send you their address and the order, that you may consider what should be done. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

108. I. *Petition of Rich. Estis, John Culmer, Step. Peirce, and Thos. Scarlet, pilots, and the seamen, seamen's widows, and other inhabitants of Deal, to the Generals now riding in the Downs. We have erected at our own cost houses on the beach waste ground, not worth* 2*s. an acre, that we might serve the navy and merchant ships, but our houses were surveyed in* 1650, *and returned as built on the waste of Court Ash Manor, Deal, late part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's possessions; they were contracted for to be sold, but by favour of the Committee of the then Parliament, the sale was obstructed.*

We find they are now again on sale, to our utter ruin, and therefore beg you to interpose for us to his Highness and Council, that the sale may be respited till next Parliament, or we permitted to purchase the 11 *acres of ground at the highest rate of any land sold thereabouts, or that the whole matter may be referred to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle.* [1 *page.*]

108. II. *Order in the Committee of Parliament for Obstructions, that stay be made of leasing or selling the said houses at Deal till report has been made thereon to Parliament, or further order given.* 21 *Feb.* 1650–1. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

108. III. *Report thereon by Sir Wm. Roberts, Thos. Ayres, Edw. Cressett, and John Blackwell, on a reference from the Protector. The lands and buildings belonging to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, worth* 364*l. a year, are the chief security of debts due to lenders on the credit of Bishops' lands, amounting to* 222,909*l.* 19*s.* 6*d., besides what is unpaid of the first and second* ½ *for lands already sold, for which the Excise pays* 8 *per cent. interest. We therefore thought it our duty to sell them,—the Committee for Obstructions and the Parliament of which they were members being dissolved,—but the purchase is only in treaty, and nothing concluded. Excise Office, Broad Street,* 2 *May* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 29. / March 10. Paris. **109.** T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas.] I am glad to find your firm hope of *the King of Spain's* shortly entertaining *the King.* I hope your opinion is better founded than that in England that *Cromwell* would come to a composition if he could, notwithstanding the bustle he makes. I write you not by guess, but what I receive from my friends, who will, I believe, be just to you and me. You say some think me not enough resolved in what I write, but I never undertook to be oracular or infallible, and have always been cautious in

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delivering anything positive, unless given by my friends; indeed I mostly send their letters. I write to no others but to Mr. Heath, and then on my own concerns, and I do not tell him what I have written to you. None but you shall have anything important from me. [1 *page. Italics in cypher, undecyphered.*]

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March 10.
110. [Dick Pile to T. Ross.] I cannot advise you as to your design for Portugal, because the Kings of Spain and Portugal have agreed to a suspension, if not a peace, and the articles of agreement between the King of Portugal and the Protector are sent back hither, with a positive denial of 3 articles.

1. Concerning our merchants' liberty for their religion.
2. Reception of our ships into his ports for refreshing. The third I forget.

Last week 2 merchants went in a frigate from the Protector to demand 5,000*l.* from the King of Portugal, being ¼ of what was agreed to be paid for damages done to our merchants; if it be refused, our fleet will be there to make him repent it within 14 days.

The fleet wants *men,* and money will not be had at any condition. *Kemp's* delay has distracted me; I had done with him long ago, had I not expected him here, but now it's impossible, and I must be patient.

Our terrible fleet is nearly ready to sail, and 40 ships are preparing, so you may believe your passage hither will be secured. Last week some rogues from Flanders boarded a frigate in Dover Road, cut cable, and stole her away.

We hear the King of Sweden has lost 6,000 men in battle, but keeps the field. If *the King* sends not to me soon, I am undone, and cannot quit this place for which I have importuned *Mrs. Ross.*

Col. Lockhart is preparing to go ambassador to France. Send the goods soon or the customs will be raised; the Protector has sent to the merchants to raise them 4*l.*; 30*s.* per cent. on exports, and 50*s.* on imports. [1 *page. Italics in cypher, undecyphered.*]

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March 3.
Whitehall.
1. Petition of Dan. Thysen, merchant of London, to the Protector. Being a subject of the States General, my ship, the Golden Falcon, was seized by English ships, part of her lading of wines and fruit was claimed by and restored to Flanders merchants by this Admiralty Court, but my claim is yet undecided. During the wars with Holland, I lived at Ostend, and became a burgher there, and never assisted the Hollander. I am a member of the Protestant church, and have transplanted myself, with my wife and children, to London, living in Philpot Lane, and intend to trade here. I beg protection, on obeying the laws and paying all customs, and exemption from seizure of ships and goods for once living in

Holland or Flanders; also restoration of the Golden Falcon and goods, or a report on the case by the Admiralty Judges. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Judges, to right the petitioner, or to state the case with their opinion to his Highness. [1¼ *pages.*]

March 3. Levant Company to Capt. Seaman. Hearing by a private letter from Constantinople that disturbances at Aleppo are composed by the raising of the siege and dispersion of the rebels, we pray you now to proceed on your voyage if the news there concur with ours. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 262.]

[March 3.] Levant Company to factors at Leghorn and on board the Golden Fleece. We hear in a letter from Rich. Lawrence at Constantinople, of Dec. 31, that several Turks there had received advice from Aleppo that the siege was raised and the rebels departed. Whereof, although we doubt not that your intelligence is more speedy than ours, and that at the first notice of security the ship will be speeded away, yet we send you this brief notice, that the ship may be delayed no longer than necessary. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 263.]

March 3. Plymouth. **2.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke. I have done my best to procure men, and have only pressed those fit for the service. The Fagon is at Dartmouth, to get what she can out of the 25 Newfoundland ships. I have given her captain orders to treat with the masters whose companies do not come into the town to furnish 100, and then to suffer them to make their ships ready. They would all have sailed last week, notwithstanding the embargo, if the Fagon had not been in the road, for they understood, by the Lord President's letter to the Commissioners of Customs, that the Newfoundland ships may go whether the fleet sail or no, and they think it hard that their men should be taken when the State gives them leave to depart. I do not understand the mystery of the embargo.

I have one of the Brest ships ready, and am proceeding with the other. I desire no more New England masts, having 4 of white pine, which I am lóth to use. I will write the Ordnance officers for guns for the frigates. I beg you to allow Mr. Rowe an interview, should he seek one, on my behalf. There is now an order to stay the sailing of any vessel. [2 *pages.*]

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2–4. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 2,000*l.* on account for the Council's contingencies, out of which Frost is to pay 800*l.* to Col. Wm. Lockhart, who is to be allowed 120*l.* a month while he is away in France.

5. Strickland, Fiennes, Pickering, Lisle, and Jones to consider the complaint of the ambassador extraordinary from Sweden, concerning abuse done to his servants, to send for and examine the offenders, and report.

8. The Commissioners for the Dutch Treaty and Fiennes to speak with the Dutch ambassador on the present debate concerning information received about Dutch ships in the Spanish service.

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9. A letter from Maj.-Gen. Worsley, of Feb. 12 last, read, and committed to Lambert, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Rous, Jones, Lisle, and Strickland, to report.

10. The Committee on the business of Majors-General, to consider how the several persons taken up according to the instructions may be transported, and assigned to the ports in the several associations to be transported, and how merchants may be spoken to about them.

11. The same Committee, with the Committee for adding Commissioners for Ejectment of Scandalous Ministers, to consider the business, and report.

12. Capt. Langham to have liberty to go abroad to perfect his accounts.

13. Charles Walley, Alderman of Chester, to be discharged from all proceedings against him or his estate, on the orders to Majors-General. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 573–5.]

March 4. Plymouth. **3.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke. I so well approve of Mr. Burdwood that I would willingly get him back to Plympton, and when in London, I moved Gen. Desborow to get him an augmentation of 30*l.* a year; if it could have been had, he would never have left. I send informations taken by Capt. Pley respecting the Spanish fleet, the originals of which have been sent to Gen. Desborow. I assume that those of Owen and Trankmore cannot be true, and that Ellis is a Cavalier. I recommend Rich. Penhallow, who has had a command in the Straits, and is a pretty artist, with a good landed estate, and Isaac White, as commanders for the two Bresters, but can say little on behalf of Finch. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

> **3.** i. *Information of Rich. Owen of London, merchant and factor, and Simon Trankmore, master of the William and Elizabeth of London, before Capt. Jno. Pley, Deputy Vice-Admiral, and Wm. Spurway, mayor of Dartmouth. They were informed by Rich. Ellis and other English merchants at Teneriffe that a fleet of* 37 *Spanish ships, with* 10,000 *soldiers and some brass guns, passed that port bound for St. Domingo, where they intended to leave a portion of the men and guns, and then proceed with the remainder to Jamaica, to beat out the English there.* 2 *March* 1655–6 [1 *sheet.*]

March $\frac{4}{14}$. Cologne. **4.** [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. The Archduke's orders to the Admiralty in Flanders for issuing commissions to take English ships were strangely perfunctory, but a few days later came an explanation that the prizes taken from the English should be judged according to the ancient ordinances of the Admiralty.

We hope soon to know what countenance will be given to ships of war having commissions from our King, whom we expect here this week, and then we shall know what we may expect from the King of Spain's ministers.

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I am of your opinion as to the French endeavours to stay the *Duke of York in France* because of the many strangers in their service; but *if the King* shall be *well and firmly united* with the *King of Spain*, I am persuaded the *duke will not remain* with those ungrateful *French* (?) who, when they had served themselves of him so long, agreed to *abandon* him so *un*worth*ily* at the instance of him who had murdered his *fa*the*r*.

There may be an overture made to the States to join with Cromwell, France, and Sweden; but if embraced, it will be their ruin, for that is the design both of Cromwell and the Swede, who make religion the cloak of their ambition, and defame the Protestant profession, and make it as full of hypocrisy as that of the Pharisees or the Jesuits.

The governing party in Holland should not incur Cromwell's displeasure by revoking the Act of Seclusion, for he will look upon it as a leaning to our master's interest, which cannot be separated from that of the Prince of Orange. The French show much the greater respect and kindness to *the Princess Royal, the Duke of York*, and all that *family* now *there*, thereby to *injealous* the *King of Spain, and* to *keep Spain from joining* with *the King, but I* hope their craft shall *fail* (?) *them.*

I hear that Sir Kenelm Digby has become a great pensioner of Cromwell's, and that his business in France is to hinder any agreement between Spain and France, which he will not find difficult, as long as Cardinal Mazarin rules absolutely; for war, not peace, is his interest.

It is said that at the meeting of all the army officers at Whitehall, there will be greater transactions than have been for many years; they are to settle the legislation solely in Cromwell and his Council and their successors; to establish the succession; to confer new titles on Cromwell; to order all tithes to be paid to the public Treasury; and then, when all is perfectly established by them, a Parliament will be called, which will be regulated and limited.

Is *Mr. O'Neale* the*re* now at the *Hague?* for there is a report that he is *gone into Flanders*, which *I cannot* believe, though he is *more of* the *secret council than I am*, being a great confidant of *Hyde's*. I wish he may prove worthy the *trust reposed in him*, but it's *no* wisdom to make those who are *not sworn to be secret privy* to the *secrets of state*, and how can it but give *great dis*content *unto sworn counsellors*, and bring much disquietness to those that are instrumental in it? *but I* pray *keep* this *to yourself.*

The fleet in the Downs is very mutinous. Blake and Montague were sent by Cromwell to pacify the seamen, who are angry because Lawson is not Vice-admiral. Cromwell took his commission from him, suspecting him to have had a hand in last year's mutiny. Badiley takes his place, but it not so well beloved as the other. The discontent among seamen is so general that, if they had known they would have security in the King of Spain's ports, by his having made a fast conjunction with our King, many, nay most of the fleet would have abandoned Cromwell, who is said to be most odious among the seamen. You will have heard of the orders for pressing

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1655–6. 2,000 young women in England to be sent to the West Indies; 400 are already put into 10 ships that are soon to be sent with provisions for Jamaica. This is an excellent expedient to pay the godly women for their silver thimbles and bodkins, lent the rebellious State at the beginning of the rebellion, for in those Indies, they may have wedges and ingots of silver, to make thimbles and bodkins for all the holy sisters in England.

Capt. Carey has brought into Dunkirk 3 English prizes, worth 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* Several persons are now sequestrated for being in the late King's garrisons in time of war, though they only lived there because their estates were there, and never acted; but nothing will satisfy the Majors General, whose wills are laws in the country. I am very sorry for the sufferings of these neuters. I hear Heenvliet's daughter is come to Holland to marry Somerdike's son, but I think so wise a man will marry his son into some noble family. When do Heenvliet and his lady go for France? Lady Hume is dangerously ill. [4 *pages; the italics are in cypher, undecyphered.*]

March 6. **5.** Petition of Edw. Hall and Geo. Warren, bailiffs of Southwold, Suffolk, to the Protector and Council. We have attended 8 days on summons, on complaint of Capt. Rob. Mackey, and as we have the business of the town upon us, it will be prejudiced unless we are speedily dismissed. Being no ways culpable, we beg a hearing, that we may return to our charge. [1 *page.*]

March 6. **6.** Order in Council, on hearing that they are waiting at the door, that the Admiralty Commissioners examine the matters objected against them, and report. [⅔ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 575.]

March 6. **7.** Petition of Thos. Smith, of Hill Hall, Essex, to the Protector. In 1644 I was sequestrated by the County Commissioners on an unjust information, but discharged on proof of my good affection, and of my disbursing 300*l.* for Parliament in the county. Yet the Commissioners for the Peace, finding me in the sequestration book, have summoned me, and because I could not find my discharge in time, I had to make the first payment of my assessment, lest I might incur a contempt; I beg relief and repayment, and freedom from any assessment on my estate. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

7. I. *Order by the County Commissioners that, on his payment of 300l., he be discharged of all words and actions of malignancy, and his estate discharged from sequestration, there being no just cause to continue it, on examination of the proofs referred by the Sequestration Committee. 27 Jun* 1644. 8 *signatures.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

March 6. Order in Council for a letter to the Major General and County Commissioners to discharge him if they find he was discharged from sequestration. With letter accordingly. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 575–6.]

March 6. **8.** Petition of Thos. Toll, mayor, the aldermen, common council, merchants, shipowners, and mariners of King's Lynn, Norfolk, to Council. Our late sad losses by pirates and enemies at sea are renewed upon us by enemies on our coast. We supply the northern parts with corn, and ten counties in part with coals and salt, and they will be disappointed if we cannot venture a ship out of harbour without danger. We beg a speedy and safe convoy for our coast and channel (being 20 leagues from the usual course of convoys); by our late trade with Dunkirk and Ostend, the enemies know our coast so well that they chase, plunder, and take us in our own bay. We beg that the captain of the convoys may consult with our chief magistrates how best to secure and promote trade. 73 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

March 6. **9.** Reference of the above petition and of a letter from the bailiffs of Yarmouth, to the Admiralty Commissioners, to see that ships be soon sent for convoy, and guard of the trade in those parts. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 570.] *Annexing,*

9. I. *Rob. Robins and John Albertson, bailiffs of Yarmouth, to Pres. Lawrence. A man taken and carried to Ostend has lately returned and reports how they increase in shipping against the English. We send his information to hasten the setting forth of aid to oppose their violence, of which the town begins to feel the smart, having had some ships surprised by them.* 3 *March* 1655–6. [½ *page.*]

9. II. *Information of John Timmings, mariner of Kingston-on-Hull, before the bailiffs of Yarmouth. On* 28 *Jan., a Hull pink was taken off Yarmouth pier by a man-of-war of Ostend, and he and the rest of the company carried thither and kept* 14 *days, and then sent home with only* 12 *stivers a piece. There were* 6 *English prizes in the port, and he heard that above* 50 *more had been brought into Dunkirk and Nieuport;* 60 *men-of-war have lately sailed from the ports in Flanders.* 3 *March* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

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5. On information that Rob. Hammond, to the great affront of the public service, arrested Vice-admiral Rich. Badiley, as he was leaving town to attend his charge with the fleet, though by a late award made by Andrew Pope, arbitrator between them, Hammond was to enter into bond to pay money to Badiley, which he refused to do;—order that Pickering, Jones, Wolsley, Lambert, and Mulgrave examine the business, speak with Hammond and Pope this afternoon, and report.

9. The Lord-deputy of Ireland added to the Committee on Irish affairs.

10. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on the minister of Woodstock, co. Oxon, an augmentation of 50*l.* a year. Approved 8 March.

11. Order on certificate that the rectories of Humberston, Mumby, and Bradney, co. Lincoln, are 8*l.* short of paying the augmentation of 58*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* granted 23 June 1654, to the minister of Frodingham, co. Lincoln, that the balance be paid from other rents and tithes

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in Humberston, Mumby, and Hiberstow, of which the Trustees for Ministers are to order payment. Approved 8 March.

13. The articles of forgery and high treason formerly exhibited against Abr. Grainger and signed by Josh. Fugill, his humble proposals, and John Wheate's affidavit, referred to the Committee on Petitions' to report.

14. **10, 11, 12.** Order that the Admiralty Commissioners issue a warrant dormant to the Navy Treasurer for payment to Barth. Beale quarterly, with arrears from 24 June last, of the salary of 500*l.* a year, for the office of one of the 2 auditors of the prests, granted him by patent. Approved 8 March. *Annexing,*

12. I. *Another copy of the said order in Council, noting the appointment of Abr. Barmeston, Esq., as auditor of the prest, during good demeanour.* 28 *Nov.* 1656. *Endorsed, with note of Beale's desire for the order for his payment.* [1 *page.*]

12. II. *Note by Beale of the several branches of public accounts to which he attends, viz., customs, prize goods, navy, and ordnance. Also that the salary includes house-rent, stationery, and all incidents, and that he receives no fees.* [⅔ *page.*]

12. III. *Order of the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners to make out the warrants as required.* 11 *March* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

15. The Committee for Petitions to consider Maj.-Gen. Whalley's letter to the Lord-President of March 4, concerning the commitment at Nottingham of Col. Gilby, Maj. Scott, Cooper, and Capt. Pynnes, who were in the late insurrection at Rufford, and where they may conveniently be removed to.

16. The Treasury Commissioners to consider a warrant prepared for his Highness's signature to pay 1,018*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* in arrear to Thos. Coke, Exchequer remembrancer, for himself, 2 secondaries, and the sworn clerks in that office, and to report.

17. Order—on petition of Robt. Remington, minister of Gisborough, co. York—that he shall not be molested by the Majors-General according to the late proclamation, without warning by Council, and that his petition and certificates be sent to the Maj.-General of co. York, who is to proceed no further against him without order. Approved 16 Oct.

19. Order—on letter from Maj.-Gen. Berry and the Commissioners for North Wales, that Kenrick Eyton, sometime a Commissioner of array in co. Denbigh, has for several years changed his interest, has married a godly gentlewoman, and frequents the society of godly men—that all proceedings against his person or estate be absolutely discharged. Approved 8 March.

20. **13.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider whether the full proportion of 260 barrels of musket shot, 20 tons of match, and 500 spades, desired by Gen. Monk's letter of Jan. 24 last, may be

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afforded out of the stores here, and if it may, to order its despatch by the next ships that go to that coast. If it cannot be spared or easily provided, to send such proportion as may be spared. Approved 20 March.

21. The recruits of Maj.-Gen. Barkstead and Col. Biscoe's companies, entertained last muster to complete their former number of 70 in a company, to be allowed of, and the Commissary-General of musters to see it done, and the Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers to pay them accordingly. Approved 8 March.

24. Order that the Trustees for goods of the late King, &c., and their treasurer, return on Tuesday next a list of all persons to whom the Trustees have given warrants for payment of money out of the Scottish fines, with their debts, and the sums assigned to be paid to them out of the said fines or otherwise. *Annexing,*

14. *List as required by Hum. Jones, treasurer, of* 254 *warrants granted from* 14 *Feb.to* 18*March* 1655–6, *with* 5 *more added up to March* 31. *Total of sums due thereon,* 8,077*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* [*Book of* 9 *written and* 7 *blank pages.*]

33. The draft of an order and declaration from the Excise Committee to be considered of by Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, Lisle, and Mulgrave.

34. Lambert, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Rous, and Lisle, to bring in the names of persons fit to consider, and bring in orders for the better government of Durham College.

35. Order to advise a warrant for payment from the Treasury to Theodore Haake of a pension of 100*l.* settled on him by the late Parliament from Goldsmiths' Hall, with 375*l.* arrears due 25 Dec. last.

39. The petition of Edw. Johnson, concerning 47*l.* due to him from the late King, referred to the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, who are to consider the petitioner in the distribution payable to the late King's creditors out of the Scotch fines.

40, 41. Order—on a letter from Capts. Wm. Ludlow and Jas. Dewy of 10 Jan. last, in reply to an order of Council of 16 Nov. last, touching the estate of John Penruddock,—stating that it has been proved that a deed of 4 Jan. 1653–4 was delivered as his own by Penruddock to Rich. Berry and others, without fraudulent intent, for payment of debts in a schedule annexed, for most of which Berry stood engaged, and which are true debts;—to advise that the part of the estate so conveyed by Penruddock be settled for these purposes, and the sequestration discharged, and Berry and the others be permitted to enjoy the same, but that his Highness be advised not to remit his interest in the stock on the said lands. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 575–584.]

March 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the several Majors-General. His Highness and Council desire you, for more effectually securing the peace, and raising moneys, to cause all within your jurisdiction liable to the extraordinary tax to give in an exact account of their estates, where they lie, and who are their tenants, and what else may conduce to a full discovery of their whole estates; and you are to transmit duplicates to the other Majors-General in whose counties the said estates lie. Approved 8 March. [*I.* 76, *p.* 580.]

March 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. Council hearing that Col. Wm. Daniel and Sir James Balfour can make a discovery of 5,000*l.* a year belonging to the public revenue of Scotland, and detained by persons there, they desire you to hear and verify the discovery, and take order for recovery of the money. [*I.* 76, *p.* 581.]

March 6. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Maj. Wm. Packer, Deputy Major-General of co. Bucks. His Highness and Council having received satisfaction in the case of Edm. Waller of Beaconsfield, co. Bucks, desire you and the Commissioners to stay all proceedings against his person or estate. [*I.* 76, *p.* 583.]

March 7. **15.** Petition of Dame Mary Vere to the Protector. Frawnton Manor, co. Gloucester, granted me 13 Car. for 99 years, by Sir John and Sir Robert Tracey for security of a great sum, and for the non-payment thereof forfeited by Sir Robert, the surviving grantor, stands charged by deed of 26 Dec. 1649 with payment of 640*l.* a year to me for life, and 1,000*l.* to my executors; but Sir Robert, having no allowance for the said sums in his late tax by the Major-General and Commissioners for co. Gloucester, refuses to pay the 640*l.* a year, the Manor not being worth as much. He has already paid the first moiety of his tax. I pray that Maj.-Gen. Desborow and the County Commissioners may be ordered to make a proportionable abatement in respect of the said sums, that I may not be troubled to make an entry and stock the manor. With holograph reference signed by the Protector to Council. [1 *page.*]

March 7. Order thereon in Council that Desborow and the Commissioners state the fact, and how it concerns Lady Vere, and how she may be best relieved; Strickland to take care of the speedy return of the report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 587.]

March 7. **16.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Thomas and Company to the Protector and Council, for protection from impress of his two vessels, both of London, bound for the Greenland whalefishery, the John of Berkshire, with 5 harpooners and 6 steersmen; and the Sarah, with 5 harpooners and 6 steersmen; 35 seamen are but sufficient to manage the said vessels, and the time for their departure is fully come, but by reason of the press for seamen, they cannot start. [1 *page.*]

March 7. Order thereon in Council, granting 2 protections for the said 2 vessels, and a third for the Adventure, at request of Capt. Whitwell and Co. *I.* 76, *p.* 588; *I.* 112, *pp.* 282–3.]

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2. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners in the case of the bailiffs of Southwold, that though they neglected their duty in not giving ready help to the public service in impressing seamen, yet they are well affected—that in confidence of their future diligence in the State's service, they be discharged from further attendance.

3. The draft of an order and declaration from the Excise Commissioners approved, as follows :—

Order that the Excise Commissioners empower their officers—in case any merchant import exciseable goods, and sell them without a ticket or warrant from the Excise Office, according to the 20th article of the Act for levying new Impost and Excise—to seize such goods, and take proceedings according to the Act. That the officers be indemnified from all suits by reason of such seizure, and that the Commissioners for Appeals in Excise matters indemnify all such officers for such seizures. Approved by the Protector, 7 March. *Annexing,*

17. *Draft of the said order, with a preamble, recapitulating the* 20*th article of the Act, by which both buyer and seller are subject to pay double the value of goods imported and disposed of without payment of excise.* [3½ *pages, corrected.*]

4. The warrants for release from imprisonment of Col. Thos. Harrison, Mr. Carew, Mr. Courtney, and Col. Rich, stayed till further order.

7. The Orange Tree of Flushing to have liberty to go to Zealand, and its name to be inserted in the list of Dutch ships passed yesterday.

8. Order—on Sydenham's report from the Committee on the Customs—that on the contract with the new Customs' Commissioners, the same salary and allowances be made as to the present Commissioners.

9. Mr. Upton to be allowed 1*d.* in the pound from Customs' money received from last Michaelmas to next Lady Day, as his salary as a Customs' Commissioner, and he is to be at liberty to deduct the same, and have it allowed on the account.

11. The Lord President being absent, Lord Lisle was called to the chair.

13. To advise that Ralph Hall be the third person added to Mr. Scawen and Col. John Jones for the service concerning moneys, and that a commission be issued to them accordingly. Approved 8 March.

14. The petition of Rich. Master, of Langdon, co. Kent, and the annexed orders and certificates, referred to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and the Commissioners for co. Kent, to examine and report.

16. Mr. Secretary's report on the petition of Wm. Hall to be considered on Tuesday.

17 Jones, Lambert, Fiennes, Lord Deputy, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Strickland to consider the Admiralty Commissioners' report on Thos. Warren's proposals touching Sally, how they may be carried on, and

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for the raising of money, to review the Algiers duty, and the former imposition on coal, consult whom they please, and report.

19. The petition of Wm. Rutland, one of the Common Council for Bishopgate Ward, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

22. Approval by the Protector of an order of this day. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 585–9.]

March $\frac{7}{17}$.
Paris.

18. G. George to Williamson. I send the enclosed and a letter for Mr. Dutton, which I found at the post, and which would have been lost had I not taken it. [*French*, 1 *page*.]

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Approval by the Protector of 25 orders passed between 14 Feb. and 7 March. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 589–590.]

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The Naseby.

19. Judge Advocate J. Fowler to Robt. Blackborne. Four days of last week have been taken up in examinations concerning the Pelican and the captain of the Nantwich; 13 persons have been examined for and against Capt. Jefferies, of whom Woods, Rogers, and Waters, the cook, were the last, being sent from your Board; they arrived yesterday before the Court sat. The result was that none of the tickets alleged against him would bear ought, save that of Sherman, the pretended minister, who had a ticket for 7 months, and Jefferies received the money at Plymouth, but who never sailed nor officiated in the ship, and the Court ordered Jefferies to pay back the money, viz., the minister's monthly groats per head, to the Secretary of the Fleet, to be disposed of by the Generals for the relief of the sick and wounded, and the 18*s.* a month which each minister receives to be repaid to the Navy Treasurer, for the whole time that Sherman was kept upon the books. Wm. Fox the purser was also ordered to repay for his victuals, and fined 20 nobles for making the ticket.

The small trunk said to be taken from a Guernsey ship proved to be from a Frenchman, and so was not censured, and the tobacco and furs out of the Salt prize were held inconsiderable. The 4 packs of linen cloth out of the Constant Warwick prize were not claimed, and the 200 pieces of 8 proved to be 110 given by Collart for saving his men, and were proved by the oaths of 3 or 4 who received their share to have been satisfactorily distributed.

The 3 brass guns taken from a Jerseyman he was ordered to restore, and was fined 40*l.*, one moiety to the injured party, and the other to the Secretary, to be disposed of as aforesaid; so that upon the whole he stands fined in 60*l.*, with stop of pay until he produces proof of having performed what is enjoined; but the pay already due is granted him, the better to enable him to pay his fine speedily.

The Court did not think meet to expel him, being an active and stout fighting man, in this conjuncture, when so many have laid themselves aside. Customary swearing was only proved by the cook; as he had sometimes sworn at the men's cross working of the sails, or because the guns were not ready when in chase, he received a severe reproof and admonition from the Court. If the fleet's sailing does not hinder, something may be said and done to the cook, who at Plymouth gave his commander abusive language, and run both his fists in his face.

The trial concerning the accident to the Pelican has yet to be heard, unless the sailing of the fleet prevents. I do not find by the examinations that any punishment will be inflicted; but as evil customs produce good laws, I have drawn strict orders for preventing accidents, which were read and allowed by the Council of War, and will be sent up to be printed and distributed. I hope the fleet will not carry me with them, although many of the captains desire it.

The fellow on board the Preston has been sent by Gen. Blake's order to the commander in the Downs, to be kept until my return thither; and I should like a letter from the Commissioners implying a need of me there, which will be equally if not more than with his fleet. I have not heard or seen anything more of Capt. Sperling. My son presents service to you and your virtuous lady. [3 *pages.*]

March $\frac{8}{18}$. **20.** Account of receipt [on behalf of Charles II.] of 677 rix dollars from Monaco, Saxe Gotha, and the Marquis of Brandenburg, and of its payment to Lord Rochester, Sir Wm. Curtius, and Mr. Fox, and to Mr. Prim, for postage of letters. [1 *page.*]

March 10. **21.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Jos. Williamson, Saumur. I am surprised at your altering our way of correspondence, and choosing an innkeeper rather than a merchant to receive your moneys while in France. You refer me, and I suppose Sir Fras. Norris, to Mr. Robinson, because you are best pleased with him, but I wish your letters and Brome's to be still sent to Mr. Paul's at the Stillyard. Directions for correspondence. I shall expect to hear from you monthly. [¾ *page.*]

March 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Dr. Jasper Mayne to have liberty to remain in the Earl of Devon's house as chaplain, without any proceedings against him according to the orders and instructions of the Majors-General. Approved 20 March.

2, 5. The following list of augmentations from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers approved:—

	£
Lecturer of Hitchin, co. Herts - - -	26
Minister of Blackburn, co. Lancaster - -	30
„ Althom Chapel „ - -	30
„ Kelvedon, co. Essex - - -	20
„ Maldon „ - - -	20
„ Little Lees „ - - -	20
„ Grantham, co. Lincoln - - -	50

Approved 20 March.

4. Order that the Order of March 7 on Dame Mary Vere's petition be penned as follows:—That Maj.-Gen. Desborow and the Commissioners of co. Gloucester consider the petition, and relieve the

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petitioner by taking off the tax laid on the manor of Frawnton, as part of Sir Robt. Tracey's estate, or return their reasons for not doing so.

10. The report of the names of those proposed by the Committee of Council to prepare orders and statutes for the better government of Durham College read, approved, and some names added.

11. **22.** Order thereon that the following persons prepare the said rules and statutes, viz. :—

Pres. Lawrence.
The Lord-Deputy.
Lord Lambert.
Sir Gilb. Pickering.
Fras. Rous.
Lord Chief Baron.
Sir Hen. Blount.
John Crew.
Ant. Smith, of Durham.
Dr. Thos. Goodwyn.
Mr. Lockyer.
Mr. Griffith.
Mr. Cressett.
Lord Commissioner Fiennes.
Earl of Mulgrave.
Viscount Lisle.
Sir Chas. Wolsley.
Lord Strickland.
Lord-Commissioner Widdrington.
Sir Gilb. Gerard.
The Solicitor-General.
Thos. Bonner, Alderman of Newcastle.
Dr. Cudworth.
Mr. Carill.
Mr. Calamy.
Wm. Berry.

18. Desborow, Lambert, Sydenham, the Lord Deputy, and Jones to enquire in all meet ways of the state of the business of money, both as to the public receipt and expenditure, and incomes for answering the same, and consider how the public charge may be eased by retrenchment or otherwise, and how the income may be improved, and report from time to time the state of this matter, with their opinion.

19. On every day of meeting Council to meet again at 3 and sit till 6.

20. Order,—on a letter from Nich. Heathcoate of March 8, 1655–6, concerning a suit by the tenants of John Revell of Higham, co. Derby, against Col. Ashenhurst and John Spademan, justices of peace, and others, about a distress made on their warrant for non-payment of a rate for repairing highways, which suit is to be tried at the next assizes,—for a letter as follows :—[*I.* 76, *pp.* 592–5.]

March 11.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Maj. Gen. Edw. Whalley and the Commissioners of co. Derby. Council has received and forwards to you the enclosed letter, desiring you to prevent detriment to Col. Ashenhurst, Mr. Spademan, and the rest, sued by the tenants of Mr. Revell for doing their duties according to the Ordinance for repairing highways. [*I.* 76, *p.* 595.]

March 11.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Col. Robt. Lilburne, deputy Major General, and the Commissioners of co. York. Council desire you to grant license to Henry Darcy, jun., who was engaged in the late insurrection, to go beyond seas, on good security not to return without licence, as desired by his father, Henry Darcy of the North Riding of co. York, according to the additional instruction for those comprehended in the 4th qualification. [*I.* 76, *p.* 593.]

March 11. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Chas. Howard, Deputy Major-General, and the Commissioners of co. Northumberland. Like request on behalf of Wm. Delaville on request of his father, Sir John Delaville, of Dissington, co. Northumberland. [*I.* 76, *p.* 593.]

March 11. **23.** Thos. Pride and 6 other officers of Bartholomew's Hospital to [Council ?]. According to your orders we present you the heads and government of the Hospital, its expenses, and the employment of the several officers attending the poor. If in your consultation you require our further assistance, or if we have not fully met your wishes, we will resolve your doubts according to our knowledge. [⅔ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

23. I. *Regulations for government of Bartholomew's Hospital near West Smithfield, by a president, treasurer, governors chosen out of the* 12 *London companies, almoner, auditor, surveyors, and scruteners, all whose duties are specified. The governors have in charge* 300 *poor, sick, and wounded in the hospital and in two outhouses, the Lock in Kent Street, Southwark, and the Spittle at Kingsland, and an average of* 1,100 *are cured yearly. There are* 2 *physicians, an apothecary,* 3 *surgeons,* 2 *surgeons or guides for the outhouses, a woman to cure scald heads and leprosy, at from* 20*s. to* 40*s. the cure, a minister, hospitaller, minister for the outhouses, clerk, registrar, steward, rentor to collect the rents, porter, matron,* 20 *sisters or nurses, woman-butler to deliver out bread, woman-cook, and beadles.*

The charges for diet specified amount to 2*s.* 10*d. a week per head. The yearly expenses are calculated at* 4,502*l.* [8 *sheets.*]

[March 11.] **24.** Notes on the state of the hospital; the revenue 2,000*l.* besides casualties and gifts, and the expense 4,000*l.*; 4*d.* a day is the allowance, and 5*l.* or 6*l.* a month in discretion money; 40 servants; 20 sisters at 4*s.* a week, to wash and dress wounds, &c.

Duties of the officers—the poor to have money and shoes when they leave, and clothes if needed. [¾ *page.*]

March 11. **25.** Sec. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am commanded by his Highness to send you the enclosed order. [¼ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

25. I. *Order in a Committee of Council, that the Admiralty Commissioners prepare for them a particular of the charge of the Navy for the summer service, computing it till Michaelmas; also of the sums requisite for buying stores, and paying the debts contracted; also that they give a list of the ships appointed for the present service, their stations, numbers of men on them, how long victualled, and what pay will be due to them at Michaelmas.* 11 *March* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

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March 11. **26.** Nat. Waterhouse to the Admiralty Commissioners. I must remind you that the 2,000*l.* which his Highness borrowed should have been repaid two months since, it being part of the 10,000*l.* his Highness lent for the use of the Navy; I desire your order to receive it. [½ *page.*]

March 11. Dover. **27.** Intelligence from Dunkirk. The packet boat for Dunkirk goes and comes as formerly, but I do not know how long it will continue. Three frigates, carrying 22, 15, and 8 pieces of ordnance, have left Dunkirk for the north; a new one of 18 guns has been recently launched, and two others to carry 56 and 20 guns are on the stocks. At Ostend there is the Leopoldus of 26 guns, and 10 or 12 small ones, some of which took my ship, the Abraham, coming from Newcastle 3 months since. I went over and bought her again, and sent her back to Newcastle, when she was again taken in Aldborough Bay, and carried to Dunkirk, where she was condemned and sold.

The ships before mentioned were fitting out when I was there, had commissions against the English, and have since gone to sea; there are 40 men-of-war from Dunkirk and Ostend now out, and bringing in prizes, 5 whereof were lately carried into Flushing, as they could not gain Ostend, and the three men-of-war who took them put to sea again for new purchases. There was one of their King's ships at Ostend, but I do not think they will set her to sea; all those that are out and fitting out, as also the great one building at Dunkirk, belong to private men. The Ostenders intend building a frigate of 36 guns this summer, and have most of the timber for that purpose. [1 *page.*]

March 11. Proceedings in the Committee on the business of money. They considered the business of the Customs; also the rules for regulating the Prize Office. Order to report to Council their opinion that the Commissioners for Prize Goods should be authorized by Commission under the Great Seal to execute the instructions passed by Council, and such others as they may receive from his Highness and Council for carrying on that service, and that the rules already passed be framed into instructions, to be annexed to the said commission. [*I.* 124, *p.* 5.]

March 12. Like order to recommend—Speed, Jas. Disborow, and Capt. John Clerke as Prize Goods' Commissioners, Hum. Blake as treasurer to receive moneys and pay them into the Exchequer, on security for performance of his trust, and Capt. Rich. Kingdon as comptroller. Each of these 5 officers to have a yearly salary of 100*l.*, and share equally 2*d.* in the pound on all the clear moneys paid into the Exchequer therefrom. [*I.* 124, *p.* 5.]

March 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. An extract of a letter from Heidelberg of Feb. 23, 1656, read, and laid aside till matters of that nature shall be considered.

2. The petition of Thos. Reignolds, minister of Radwinter, co. Essex, and an order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers of

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7 Nov. 1650, also the petition of the parishoners of Radwinter for their minister, referred to the Major-General of the county, to say why he ordered Reignolds to stop preaching, and to suspend the restraint if he see cause.

3. Order—on report from the Treasury Commissioners, on a reference on the petition of the Earl of Berkshire and his creditors, and a certificate from Peter Brereton — that the Lord-Deputy, Lambert, Sydenham, Desborow, and Jones, consider the matter, and report.

4. A letter of March 11 from the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning the present state of naval affairs, and estimates of debts chargeable on the Navy Treasury to 1 March 1655–6; the charge of wages for the fleet, and supply of naval stores till 1 Nov. 1656; moneys due to ordnance officers till 1 March 1655–6; and stores necessary to that office till 1 Nov. 1656, referred to the Committee appointed yesterday on the business of money, who are also to consider how the revenue may be improved, and how it may best be got in, and enquire into the receipts of the Exchequer, and other receipts.

5. To advise his Highness to authorise Lord Geo. Fleetwood to raise a regiment of 2,000 English volunteers for the King of Sweden's service.

8. Order—on report from the Committee on Moneys, that they think the Prize Goods' Commissioners should be authorised by commission under the Great Seal to execute all past and future instructions in that service, and that the rules formerly passed, in the form of instructions should be annexed to the commission—that the same Committee report fit persons to be made Prize Goods' Commissioners.

10. The draft of 2 orders to be made on behalf of Wm. Jones, minister of Denbigh, and of Griffith Jones and John Evans, schoolmasters in co. Merioneth, and the petition of Hen. Morris referred to Jones, Strickland, and Wolsley, to report.

15, 16. The instrument for uniting the rectories of Stowell and Hampnet, co. Gloucester, presented by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, referred to Mulgrave, Desborow, Fiennes, Lisle, and Wolsley, to report. Also the instrument for uniting the parishes of Bellew, Aby, and Swaby, co. Lincoln. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 595–7.]

March 12. Doctors' Commons. **28, 29.** Drs. John Godolphin and C. G. Cocks, Admiralty Judges, to the Protector. The security given by Jas. Pickering and Company on letters of reprisal by Abr. Mootham, Thos. Chelston, and others, is declared by the Admiralty Court to be forfeited to you. On several petitions by the Prince of Condé for relief for an unjust plunder by Mootham and Chelston on the ship Anne, the case was referred to law. The Prince's agent is willing to accept 600*l.*, though the plunder was more, to avoid further contest. If you give order, we will levy and pay this sum. [1 *page*, 2 *copies.*]

March 13. **30.** Petition of Griffith Jones and John Evans to the Protector. On several orders of the Commissioners for propagating the gospel in Wales, we became schoolmasters in co. Merioneth, Jones at Dolgelly at 40*l.* a year, and Evans at Bala at 35*l.* The Act ceasing, and the revenues being given away, and not to the Trustees for Ministers, we are 2 years' salary in arrears, have contracted debts, and shall become a reproach to the gospel, without relief. We beg a speedy settlement. [1 *page.*]

March 13. Order in Council on report of the Committee on their petition, to recommend to the Trustees for Ministers to pay Griffith Jones 80*l.*, and Evans 70*l.* arrears, and to settle their future maintenance. [*I.* 76, *p.* 598.]

March 13. Approval by the Protector and Council of articles of agreement passed 19 Aug. 1652, between Archibald, Marquis of Argyle, for himself and friends, and Maj.-Gen. Rich. Deane for the Parliament of England:—

(1.) Argyle obliges himself to do nothing to the prejudice of the Parliament of England or their forces in Scotland, but to live peaceably under the Government, and use his utmost endeavours that his children and family do the same; and if any walk otherwise, forthwith to make it known to the chief officer of the next garrison, or the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland; this not to hinder his endeavours for establishing religion according to his conscience, "provided it be not by acting or contriving any way of hostility in the least manner against the aforesaid authority."

(2.) He will do his utmost that the inhabitants of Argyleshire, and all other vassals or tenants that depend on him shall deport themselves conformably to this engagement.

(3.) He, or his eldest son, the Marquis of Lorne, whichever Parliament think fit, will when required repair to England, to such place as Parliament or the Council of State think fit, provided they have a compass of 20 miles, and leave to wait on Parliament or Council as occasion requires. Also they are to have a month's time allowed to prepare for the journey to England.

(4.) Maj.-Gen. Deane agrees thereupon that the Marquis shall enjoy his liberty and estate, free of sequestration or molestation, provided this extend not to freeing his estate of assess or other public burdens, nor his houses from garrisoning, except Inverary and Carrick, which shall not be garrisoned but upon extraordinary necessity.

Ratified in Council 13 March 1655–6. Approved by the Protector 20 March. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 599, 612; *I.* 76*A*, *p.* 167.]

March 13. **31.** Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of the adventurers bound for the whale fishing in Greenland, for warrants to keep from impress 25 harpooners and steersmen whose names are given in, that the ships may proceed on their voyage. Order in Council accordingly. [½ *page. Also I.* 92, *No.* 354; *I.* 76, *p.* 600.]

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1. An addition to be made to the order [*see p.* 174 *supra*] for payment of 5,000*l.* to Griffin Howard, Mary his wife, and her children, viz., that Col. Thos. Cooper, who is to receive 1,000*l.* thereof in trust, be required to pay the same to Griffin and Mary; the 4,000*l.* to be paid to the trustees, and the receipts of the respective parties to be a sufficient discharge for the moneys. Approved 20 March.

2. To advise his Highness to send 2,000 of the Irish who were taken up and secured in Ireland over sea, for service of the King of France.

5. Order—on report of a certificate from the Committee for Trade on the proposal referred to them 30 Jan. last [*see p.* 141 *supra*]—to advise a license for free import to England, Scotland, and Wales of Irish linen, with no other charges than if it came from one port of England to another, on security that it be transported to England or Scotland within a time to be limited by the Customs' officers at the port whence it is taken.

6. The proposition touching quit-rents to be considered next Wednesday.

7. Order—on information of miscarriages by the Trustees for Sale of Lands forfeited for treason—that Lambert, Wolsley, Jones, Lisle, and Mulgrave consider fit persons to examine the business, examine Wm. Jervis, and report.

10. The petition of Wm. Jones complaining of contempt of an order in Council of 24 Aug. 1654, to settle him in Denbigh parsonage, referred to Major-Gen. Berry and the Commissioners for North Wales, to examine the allegations against him, and cause restitution of what has been taken from him contrary to law, with damages; and to certify if any magistrate has refused to obey the former order. Approved 19 March.

11. The petition of Sir Thos. Harrison of York referred to Lambert, Strickland, and Desborow, to report.

12. The petition of Arthur Ingram of Knottingley, co. York, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners, to act as they shall see fit.

14. The petition of Mariana, wife of Lieut.-Col. Bland, referred to the Commissioners for Jamaica, to see how some provision may be made for her, for Col. Rich. Fortescue's wife, Dorcas, widow of Capt. Sam. Hawkes, commander of the Arms of Holland, and others of like condition, out of the revenue of the Savoy Hospital and Ely House, and to report.

15. The certificate of Thos. Dunne, registrar for receiving appearances in London, referred to Lambert, Desborow, and Strickland, to report.

16. Sir John Reynolds added to the Commissioners for securing the peace in cos. Cambridge and Essex. Approved 20 March.

17. Chris. Henn discharged from being a like Commissioner for co. Bucks.

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19. Sir Thos. Vyner and Sir Christ. Pack, Aldermen of London, and treasurers of the money collected for the Piedmont Protestants, to be authorised to accept a bill of exchange charged on them by Sam. Moreland, dated 27 Feb. 1655–6, for payment of 500*l.*, and to pay it accordingly as part of the 7,000*l.* to be sent to Geneva.

20. Friday March 28 to be set aside for a day of prayer and humiliation through the whole nation, for seeking God in reference to the present affairs of this Commonwealth.

23. The 2 letters from the Council in Scotland of 21 Feb. concerning debtors and creditors, and of 11 Feb. about dividing the 2 sheriffdoms of Argyle and Inverness into 5 shires, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

25, 26. Order—on report from the Committee appointed to offer names for Prize Goods' Commissioners—to propose to his Highness Thos. Speed, Jas. Desborow, and Capt. Clarke as Commissioners, and Hum. Blake as Treasurer; all moneys arising from the Prize Office to be paid over periodically into the Exchequer, and he to give good security. Also Capt. Rich. Kingdon as Comptroller, for keeping a cheque on that office.

27, 28. To each of the 3 Commissioners, and to the Treasurer and Comptroller, a salary of 100*l.* to be allowed, with 2*d.* in the pound out of all clear moneys coming in, to be equally divided between the 5; and his Highness to issue a commission under the Great Seal to constitute them accordingly, and empower them to execute the present and any future instructions from his Highness and Council.

29. The instructions passed by Council yesterday for the Prize Goods' Commissioners to be offered to his Highness.

30. The Committee on Customs' business to speak with the Customs' Commissioners about Robt. Turpin and Mr. Sparrow, 2 former Prize Goods' Commissioners, and recommend them for employment in the Custom House.

31. Col. Desborow, Maj.-General of co. Devon, to take care that the Baptist Church at Exeter have the best repaired public meeting place of the city which can conveniently be spared assigned to them.

32. **32.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue a warrant protecting from impress the company of a bark belonging to Lundy Isle, inserting the names of the mariners. With note of their names, a master, and 4 men.

35. Order on a letter from the Council in Ireland to the Lord Deputy of Jan. 23, 1655–56—showing that several officers of the Irish army who went to Ireland and served faithfully have complained that the Commissioners for stating the army accounts in Ireland would not give them debentures for their English service, because their former power was restrained by an Act of 26 Sept. 1653 declaring that all

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arrears for service in England shall be stated as hereafter directed by Parliament, so that they [the Commissioners] can exchange such debentures only as were issued for English service before the passing of the last Act, which the petitioners could not obtain on account of their speedy advance for the Irish service, and are all incapacitated from receiving that grace deserved by them and intended to them by Parliament and his Highness. On consideration whereof, and of the great merit of some of the officers, a declaration was published, and they have now sent an agent to England to beg a speedy course for stating their accounts, and issuing debentures for their English services which can be exchanged in Ireland—that the Commissioners at Worcester House for stating army accounts state them according to their former instructions, and allow debentures to all who went over to Ireland as above, which are to be exchanged by the Commissioners for soldiers' accounts sitting at Dublin, and if they disallow the claims of any for arrears, they are to send a list of the disqualified to Ireland, with the reason why they are disallowed. Approved 20 March. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 597–602.]

March 13. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the several sheriffs. You will receive herewith several copies of a Declaration for a fast which you are to distribute to the ministers of each parish in your counties, that due notice thereof are to be given. [*I.* 76. *p.* 600.]

March 13. **33.** Report by the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Rich. Clarke and the workmen of the Tower Armoury Office [*see* 30 *Aug.* 1655] that the petitioners crave allowance of wages and provisions, and that the late John Clarke and Rich. Clarke, surveyors, &c., had 3*s.* a day:—

(1.) That there was a Privy Seal 27 May, 1 Charles, for payment of 400*l.* a year for wages, &c., for the several armouries.

(2.) That Sir Wm. Roberts, auditor of the Exchequer, certifies that the allowances were paid only to June 1640.

(3.) That the bills of 3 years' wages and disbursements, up to June 1643, amount to 1,203*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

(4.) That Thos. Shadwell, auditor to the late Revenue Committee, certifies the payment of 1,555*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* for wages and emptions from 1643 to 1647, but that Committee refused to pay arrears due before they acted.

(5.) That further bills for 2¾ years, ended 31 March 1650, amount to 1,075*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*, making the total claim on this account 2,279*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*

(6.) That the office of keeper of the stores, with fee of 3*s.* a day, was granted 17 Jan. 1632–3 to John Clarke and Wm. Burgess for life, and Burgess resigned his interest to Rich. Clarke 5 March 1637–8, and died Sept. 1654.

(7.) That Roberts certifies the payment of the 3*s.* fee to 25 March 1638, since which time to 20 March 1649–50, 656*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* has become due to Clarke.

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(8.) That Shadwell certifies the payment thereon to John and Rich. Clarke of 124*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*, so that in all there remains due to the petitioners—

For wages and provisions - -	2,279*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*
For fee of 3*s.* a day - - -	532*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*
Total	2,811*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*

(9.) That all privy seals determined with the death of the late King, but the account is set to 25 March 1650, because the services were performed till then, and there is an order of 20 March 1649–50 from the Committee of Navy and Customs, for John and Rich. Clarke to resign their stores and keys to Edw. Anslow, armorer of London. [2½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Certificate of auditor Roberts alluded to,* 20 *Dec.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

33. II. *Account of wages and emptions from August* 1640 *to June* 1643. [6 *papers.*]

33. III. *Certificate of auditor Shadwell alluded to.* 24 *Dec.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

33. IV. *Accounts of wages and emptions from Jan.* 1647–8 *to March* 1649–50. [6 *papers.*]

33. V. *Second certificate of auditor Roberts, alluded to.* 20 *Dec.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

33. VI. *Second certificate of auditor Shadwell.* 24 *Dec.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

33. VII. *Order in the Committee for the Navy and Customs.* 20 *March* 1649–50. 5 *signatures.* [¾ *page.*]

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Paris.

34. T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas.] I am glad you have such fair hopes of *the King of Spain's* conjunction; it will advantage him no less than you. I have nothing from England, *Dick Pile* and my friends being absent from London, and not having my letters. The Norfolk gentleman I named has gone to the sea-side, and has sent for some of his friends over to understand the state of his country. I may not name him, but he is a papist and yet loyal, 50 years old, his father still alive, is heir to 5,000*l.* a year, and has bought the reversion of his estate of Parliament long since. Your removal into Flanders will animate him to appear more for you than yet he does, but he is loyal and honest.

I think well of *Read,* as you do, and know not why *Pile,* who was his friend, censures him. I have added the name you sent [as cypher] for the Earl of Norwich. I hear of the *Earl of Strafford's* health by his kinsman just come over, who tells me that Davison, Holder, and the other gentlemen that killed their keeper to escape, though formerly acquitted by the jury, will be tried again. The press of land and seamen continues.

Rich. Hopton is still here, and will stay till *Armorer's* return from you; he will begin his journey next week.

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I am troubled at *Sir F. Vincent's* neglect, that a person of honour should promise so much and be so long in performing; but perhaps both he and *Hungerford* (whose father pretends to policy) suspend their resolution till they see what *the King of Spain* will do. *Sir K. Digby* is here, but I only hear through him of Whitelock's passing this way to Sweden. [1½ *pages. Italics are cyphers decyphered.*]

March 13. **35.** Hum. Robinson to Jos. Williamson. Arrival and dispatch of letters. Your cousin Lamplugh has gone 20 miles up the river. Sir Fras. Norris had the last letters sent him to Oxfordshire. I presume Mr. Whorwood has his for the Stillyard. You are beholden to Mr. Thorndick for your Bible; Drs. Walton and Ryves refused me, and the Provost said all his were disposed of. Ask the booksellers there to give you a catalogue of their choice books, with the ready money price.

The embargo is to last 10 days more. Spain bought lately 40 sail of the Dutch, who have taken many of our colliers. [1 *page; much faded.*]

March 14. **36.** Petition of Col. Thos. Ogle to the Protector. Having found out, by God's assistance, and with great charge and industry, the art of making saltpetre out of salt water—an invention never before practised here, but to our honour and advantage, as we have been formerly furnished from abroad,—I beg a license for 14 years for the sole exercise of my invention. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **36,** I. *Col. Ogle's proposals, as in his petition; also that within* 12 *months of his patent, he and his partners will set up works, and supply the State with* 2,000 *barrels of gunpowder yearly, at* 40*s. per cwt., after which he requests leave to sell or transport the overplus. Noted that the patent is to be in the name of Edw. Gethings and Clement Oxenbridge, and the State's powder to be double refined.* [1 *page.*]

March 14. **37.** Reference by Council of the petition and proposal to Desborow, Wolsley, Jones, the Lord Deputy, and Pickering, to report. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 603.]

March 14. **38.** Information by Phil. del Hoyo of Newton Street, that Don Antonio Robles, a Spaniard, had lately 120 pipes of sack sent him from the Canaries in one ship, and has freighted another ship thither with linen and woollen stockings; that his books and papers should be searched and seized; that he has 40,000 ducats in his house, and that John Baptista Dunington, in Mark Lane, can testify this. [1 *page.*]

March 14. Order thereon in Council that the Customs' Commissioners take care that the 2 said ships be seized and secured till further order, as also his house, goods, and papers, but that they be carefully inventoried and kept from embezzlement, and that Tim. Whiting and Mr. Hodskins, with 2 Council messengers, be appointed to this service with a writ of assistance. [*I.* 76, *p.* 604; *I.* 112, *p.* 289.]

March 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Ministers of 80*l.* a year to the minister of St. Albans, co. Herts. Approved by the Protector 20 March.

2. The marble fountain in Somerset Garden, with the brass, lead pipes, and marble and stone cisterns, &c., to be removed to Hampton Court, and Mr. Embree to see it done.

5. The petition of Wm. Coventry for his nephew John Coventry, an infant, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners for co. Somerset.

9. The Council in Scotland to consider Wm. Hawkins' progress in discovering the late King's goods in Scotland concealed from the State, and to issue warrants to pay him such a sum, not exceeding 50*l.*, as shall enable him to carry on the work. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 603–4.]

March 14. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Wm. Goffe, Major-General, and the Commissioners of co. Berks. His Highness and Council having considered the petition and certificate of Hen. Chamberlayne, sometime fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, now of Spellingford, co. Berks [where he is preacher and schoolmaster], request you to let him continue in these offices if you find him properly qualified, or otherwise to certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 613.]

March 14. Proceedings in the Committee for the business of moneys. Order that the Treasury Commissioners send them by Tuesday next a perfect account of all moneys paid in since 1 Dec. last, and from whom, how, and to whom they have been paid.

Also that the Admiralty Commissioners consider how the whole business of relief and provision for the sick and wounded seamen and soldiers, and the business of pensions, may be best managed, for benefit of the poor concerned, and the better husbanding of the revenue allotted for that purpose, and send a model thereof, with their opinions, with all possible speed, the necessity of the affair requiring it. [*I.* 124, *p.* 6.]

March 14. **39.** Order in the Committee of Council on the business of hospitals, recapitulating the previous order to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider the business of relief for sick or wounded seamen. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

39. I. *Model of Bartholomew's Hospital, founded by Henry VIII. in* 1546, *under governors placed by the Lord Mayor as patron,* 4 *of whom are to be aldermen and half the number changed yearly; and* 7 *officers who serve for wages, detailing the duties of the several officers, and the nature of the entry books to be kept.* [2¾ *pages.*]

39. II. *Account of the constitution of the chest at Chatham for relief of dismembered and maimed seamen; income* 382*l.* 10*s.* 0*d. in lands, and the pence arising from defalcations of* 6*d. per man per month; but it has only* *defrayed their gratuities and pensions, and the chest is in debt. Suggestions for its removal to London, as being more convenient for its government, and also for the pensioners.* [3 *pages.*]

39. III. *Report on Savoy and Ely House Hospitals, stating the salaries to doctors, apothecaries, and officers, total* 1,250*l.*, *and the advantages, in economy of management, in joining the Chatham chest therewith.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

March 17. Weymouth. **40.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Col. Jno. Clarke, Admiralty Commissioner. The Dunkirkers and Ostenders begin to grow numerous, and do much mischief daily; within the last 15 days, they have taken two ships of Lyme, coming from St. Malo, within two hours after leaving their convoy, viz.:—the Boyar, and one richly laden with linen. Since then they have taken one of Topsham, bound for Newfoundland; another of North Yarmouth, with wine from Bordeaux, was driven on shore and boarded, and as they could not get her off on account of the soldiers in [Portland] island, they fired her, and carried away the master, but the fire was quenched and the ship saved.

On the 15th they took several ships in sight of Weymouth, and the same day met 2 more, one from Virginia, and the other from the Palm Islands, but the latter being of no force, they all went about the Virginian, and fought very stoutly, until the enemy threw a granado into their gun-room port, which lighting the powder, blew up the ship; the master and 6 others were slain outright, and 12 men and one woman greviously burnt and wounded; notwithstanding their condition, they stripped them all, and in doing so, plucked off skin and all, and turned them on shore in a boat, and they are now in Weymouth in a sad condition. The ships of Lyme from Dunkirk report that there are 20 sail there ready to come forth.

I am sorry to hear the general complaint, both of merchants and seamen, that they are not regarded, but left a prey to every rogue, and no course taken to prevent it, as they cannot hear of a State's frigate for weeks together. I humbly desire some course may be taken for the security of merchants and trade; if but a small frigate or two were designed to be between Portland and Alderney, these rogues would be quickly cut short; they frequent this place from its being a headland and the narrowness of the channel, and consequently they cannot miss coasters and such as pass up and down. If the frigates so to be appointed were also ordered to look into Weymouth once a week for intelligence, I do not question but some of them, if not all, would shortly be destroyed. [1 *page.*]

March. 18. **41, 42.** Petition of Hum. Holcombe, and other 3 owners and freighters of the Exchange of London, to Council, for protection from impress for 20 seamen and 10 landmen, being bound on a fishing voyage to Newfoundland; their company have been twice pressed away, and if they cannot go this month, their voyage will be overthrown, their charges lost, and they and others ruined. With list of the men. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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March 18. **43.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, and if on examination the suggestions are found true, they are to give the protection requested. [½ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 608.]

March 18. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. **44.** On Desborow's report from the Committee on the report concerning defective powder—that on examination of the powder makers and ordnance officers, they find that 6,827 barrels of powder delivered to the State are defective—that Council is satisfied the powder makers have broken their contract, and defrauded the State by delivering in unserviceable powder, and that the powder makers be obliged to make good ⅔ of the defective powder, by delivering in so much good and serviceable powder, and undertaking that the same continue 2 years; the Admiralty Commissioners to proportion it among the powder makers as they find just. The Committee to sign a report of the matter of fact in this case. *Annexing,*

44. I. *Report alluded to, that though the powder was Tower proof on delivery, it soon became unserviceable; that of* 15,098 *barrels delivered since Aug.* 1653, 6,827 *are believed defective, and* 4,312 *should be repaired, and that the makers should make good ⅔ of it, but have leave to transport the ⅔ defective beyond seas if they desire it.* [1 *page draft, corrected.*]

2. The contract reported by Desborow from the Committee on Moneys, with the words "are or" added in the last clause, agreed to, viz.,—

(1.) That the Customs' Commissioners be chargeable with all sums received by themselves or deputies in any ports from 25 March 1656, except such part as shall be taken away by violence or hostility.

(2.) That at the end of every week, they pay all custom money received into the Exchequer, deducting salaries of officers and necessary charges, and at their yearly account, make good all sums standing out in their receivers' hands.

(3.) That 3 months after the expiration of every year, they give in their year's account to the imprest auditors, and pay into the Exchequer all moneys due thereupon.

(4.) That the Commissioners provide at their own charge parchment, wax, pens, paper, ink, and books for themselves and deputies, and for all the checks in the out ports, as fully as the late Commissioners did by their contract; also all fire and candles used in that service; and that they keep a register of their proceedings at the Port of London for the State's service.

(5.) That the Commissioners shall not use any trade as merchants, in import, export, or transport.

(6.) That the Commissioners, for their services, have a salary of 4*d.* in the pound, to be paid at the end of every quarter.

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(7.) That in case of failure of any collector or officer, the benefit of his bonds be assigned to the Commissioners, to be sued in the Exchequer Court, with the usual privilege for reimbursement of moneys which they were, by his failure, obliged to make good.

(8.) That the Commissioners shall observe all such regulations as they receive from his Highness and Council.

3. The paper now presented to explain some particulars in the contract recommitted to the same Committee, to consider and report.

4. **45.** Order—on the following report from the Admiralty Commissioners, viz., that on viewing the condition of the navy victualling, the Commissioners find the victuals for 10,000 men lately ordered will not be enough for the 4 second rate ships and others now preparing for the channel service, besides those already abroad; it is thought that it will conduce to the welfare of the Southern fleet that a present provision of 2 or 3 months' flesh for the whole fleet, to last until a winter slaughter, be made, if the fleet is out so long as to want it, but nothing can be done without present money; also that some course should be settled for disposing of prisoners taken in the State's ships, as many committed to goals have escaped and may do more mischief—that two months' flesh be provided for the fleet, and the Admiralty Commissioners take order accordingly, and that the Majors-General be requested to take order for the better disposal of the prisoners. Approved 20 March.

5. **46.** Order for a letter to the Majors-General, written 20 March. [*See p.* 234 *infra.*]

7. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Margaret, wife of the late James Taylor, killed by the prisoners at Jamesses, and Bryan Taylor his son, 20*l.* a year, during the lives of either.

8. **47.** The moneys due to the Commonwealth on the composition of Jersey, viz., 5,625*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* in Col. Gibbon's hands, to be paid into the Exchequer for the use of the navy. Approved 20 March.

9, 10. Wm. Murray, prisoner in the Marshal-General's custody, to be sent to Scotland for trial for murdering 3 dragoons, and the papers thereon sent to the Judge Advocate there; the Marshal-General to take order for his safe conveying aboard the Nonsuch frigate for Scotland.

11. The commander of the Nonsuch to receive him on board, keep him in safe custody, and deliver him up in Scotland to the Marshal-General's deputy for trial.

15. The petition of Anne, relict of the late John Hunt, committed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 605–8.]

March 18. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Major-General or the Commissioners for securing peace, co. Suffolk. On consideration of a letter of Jan. 18 from Bury, from the Commissioners for securing peace in co. Suffolk, their examination of Sir Wm. Harvey, an affidavit [of Robert Sympson of

London, coachman], and a certificate from divers County Commissioners on Harvey's behalf, his Highness and Council desire you to discharge him from all proceedings against his person or estate. [*I.* 76, *p.* 517.]

March 18. Order in the Committee on the business of moneys that the contract with the new Commissioners of Customs, as amended, be reported to Council this afternoon by Col. Jones. [*I.* 124, *p.* 6.]

March 18. New College. **48.** Thos. Butler to Jos. Williamson. I performed in secrecy your commands in visiting the lady, and told her that you had left your heart with her, but she said it must be a mistake, as she hardly knew you, and would send no message in return. College news. With verses on the motto, *Stulte veretur ipse quas faciam Deas,* arguing that Williamson had himself created in fancy the charms that he worshipped in the lady, and exhorting him to indifference:—

Inc. "Cease blind idolater, no zealot yet
Those gods e'er worshipped which he did beget.
Vaunt superstition! to whom thy knee
Doth bow, she owes yourselfe her deitie,
'Tis but an image your owne pencil drew
In which no worth that came not first from you;
You placed her first among the Gods, and then,
If you but please, ungoddess her again.
Her purpled lip would blush, but that your knee,
So oft adoring, creates majesty.

Fin. "I send thine heart again, so healed, so sound,
It laughs at Venus, and scorns Cupid's wound."

[2¼ *pages.*]

March 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. A report by Col. Jones of particulars which the Committee for Customs think should be inserted in the contract, read, the draft of the contract, amended in those particulars, agreed to, and to be offered to his Highness, as the contract advised by Council to be made with the Commissioners of Customs. Articles similar to those on p. 230, with these differences:—

(2.) The Customs' Commissioners are to deduct also from their weekly payments the salaries appointed to be paid to the respective judges of this nation.

(6.) Their proviso of poundage shall have a clause of *non obstante. Annexing,*

49. *Copy of the first* 7 *clauses of the above contract.* [1¾ *pages.*]

49. I. *Draft of the above contract.* [1½ *pages.*]

49. II. *Another draft, with order by the Customs' Commissioners that Col. Jones report it to Council,* 18 *March* 1655–6. [3 *pages.*]

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4. Order on request of the new Commissioners of Customs, for a licence to them to import any goods or estates which they now have beyond seas, their contract with the State notwithstanding. Approved 20 March.

5. Council to be summoned to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

6. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers, viz.:—

		£
To the ministers of	Newport	45
”	Ludlow	30
”	Bridgnorth	60
”	Clareley	30

Approved 19 March.

7. Approval by the Protector of 6 orders, 13–19 March. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 609, 610.]

March 19. Whitehall. 13. Pres. Lawrence to Gen. Geo. Monk, commander-in-chief of the forces in Scotland. There has lately been apprehended here Wm. Murray, who, on examination before Com.-Gen. Whalley, appears to have been one of the party that murdered 3 dragoons in Scotland, near Sir Walter Murray's house, in Jan. 1653. Council are sending him to Scotland for trial, in the Nonsuch frigate, and have forwarded the examinations to the Judge Advocate, and wish you to give order that he be proceeded against. [*I.* 76, *p*, 608.]

March 19. **50.** Nath. Bacon to the Admiralty Commissioners. Attending on his Highness yesterday, the Jamaica and other business came on for consideration, but nothing being done, the particular cases are by him referred to you, so that Council might be able to sum up the whole under one rule. [⅔ *page.*]

March 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The draft of a commission for discoveries referred to the Committee on moneys.

2. Order on petition of Thos. Morgan, of Manghen, co. Monmouth, referred by his Highness to Council, that the Majors General proceed therein as usual, unless there is cause for special favour, and then certify.

6. The Committee on suspension of delinquents from penalties by Majors General to consider all discharges passed in relation to such persons, and to report; the Lord Deputy and Pickering added to the Committee.

7. Council to meet tomorrow at 9 a.m.

9. Approval by the Protector of 18 orders, 27 Feb. to 19 March. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 610–11.]

March 20. Whitehall. **51.** Pres. Lawrence to Butler, Maj.-General of cos. Northampton, Bedford, Hunts, and Rutland. His Highness and Council hearing that many prisoners brought into port by the ships have escaped from prison, wishes the Majors-General and justices of peace to distribute prisoners taken at sea in such towns and places, and in such numbers as will be best for their safe keeping, and preventing their doing mischief, and to take care that they have work to earn their livings if able; if not, to allow them 4*d.* a day, to be paid on appointment of the mayors or other officers of towns. The prisoners already taken to be so disposed and distributed. [1 *page.*]

March 20. Copy of the above as ordered to be sent to all the Majors-General. [*I.* 76, *p.* 607.]

March 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Majors General of Suffolk, Bucks, and Somerset. An order was passed 27 Dec. for particulars of the Earl of Devonshire's estate to be transmitted from the several counties, in pursuance of which several particulars are returned, but not from all counties. We therefore desire you to obey the order as regards the part of his estate in your association. [*I.* 76, *p.* 610.]

March 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Ed. Whalley and the Commissioners of co. Lincoln. His Highness and Council have received satisfaction by your certificate in the case of Sir Rob. Thorold, of his relinquishing the interest of the late King, and of his service to the Commonwealth, and therefore order you to discharge him from all further proceedings against himself or his estate. Approved 20 March. [*I.* 76, *p.* 611.]

[March 21.] **52.** Petition of Capt. Step. White to the Protector. I was desparately wounded near Heddington Gate, Scotland, lost horse, arms, &c., value 100*l.*, and also much blood and the perfect use of my limbs, so that I lost my command. You ordered several sums to those wounded in the Scottish service when I was out of town on public service, and had no notice, so that I could receive nothing, though I have been at great charges for my recovery. I beg a special order for the same allowance as others. With reference thereon to the Lord Deputy of Ireland and Lord Lambert, 26 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

March 21. Order thereon in Council that the order of 24 Aug. 1655, limiting 25 Dec. 1655 as the day for payment of arrears for service in Scotland from 20 May 1650 to 20 Oct. 1651, be respited as to Capt. White, as he was unable to claim by the day prefixed, and that his claim for arrears be admitted, the said order notwithstanding. Approved 5 April. [*I.* 76, *p.* 613; *I.* 77, *p.* 29.]

March 21. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lambert, Strickland, Mulgrave, the Lord Deputy, and Jones, to be a Committee on the petition of Anne, widow of John Hunt.

2. Two letters from the Council in Scotland—of March 8 concerning increase of papists in Scotland, and an expedient offered therein, and of March 9, concerning Lord Balmerino and others in Scotland engaged for public debts,—referred to the Scotch Council.

3. The petition of Thos. Mompesson, of Sarum, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, the Lord Deputy, and Jones, to report.

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4. **53.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that they had an order of 23 Oct. last, for 31 vessels to guard the channel, to carry 3,010 men, but that on the late emergencies of service the several ships mentioned in a list already at sea exceed by 420 the men contained in the order,—approving the 3,430 men, who are to be provided for accordingly. Approved 31 March.

5. Order on report from the Commissioners on Thos. Violet's petition,—praying that certain bonds seized by the Committee of Salop may be restored to him; as they were for 40*l.* used by the Committee for public good,—that on his paying 40*l.* he receive the bonds, which he may sue, as he might have done before, and that John Corbett see the bonds delivered. Approved 31 March.

7. Col. Jones reports the consent of the Customs' Commissioners to the new contract, with the alteration of 4 months for 3, at the end of the year, for making up their accounts, which is approved by Council, and passed.

8. Order that Maj.-Gen. Edw. Whalley be empowered, out of the money raised in his association to pay Maj. Hezekiah Haynes, his deputy for Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, and Isle of Ely, 1,240*l.* for the troopers and soldiers of the new militia to be reduced, viz.:—

60 from 3 troops in co Norfolk.
„ „ „ Suffolk.
20 „ „ Cambridge.
10 „ „ Isle of Ely.
40 foot soldiers out of the 2 companies in Norwich.

Approved 5 April.

9. To the list from the Accounts' Commissioners in Ireland, containing names of officers in arrear for English service, the Lord Deputy is to add such other names as have been left out, that the same course may be taken about stating their arrears. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 612–13.]

March 21.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Wm. Packer, Maj.-General of cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Herts. His Highness and Council wish you to reduce the militia troops from next muster to 80 in a troop, and to order the payment of those reduced. With note of like letters to the Majors General of cos. Berks, Hants, Sussex, Kent, Cambridge, Isle of Ely, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Rutland. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 614–5.]

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Cologne.

54. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane, Hague. I hope it's but an imagination that all the King treats of in Flanders is discovered to Cromwell, who will incline more to peace with Spain, if he is assured there will be a firm conjunction between the King and Spain. Enquire more about the knight of Malta, whom you name to have been there with the Spanish ambassador, and now to be gone for England. I believe Spain would not refuse a secure peace with England as now governed, but considering Cromwell's league with France, and his engagements with the Indies, I do not see that he can accommodate with Spain, and keep up his credit at home and abroad.

There are great distempers now among the great ones that rule in England, and Cromwell is more full of jealousies than ever. Lambert is the army's darling, and the only person courted; he has acted more these three weeks than in all his time before. He is daily in Council, and carries all before him; he has chosen all the new life-guard, who are absolutely his creatures. Col. Lockier [Wm. Lockhart] who married a kinswoman of Cromwell, goes ambassador to France, but with him Lambert sends his secretary, a subtle villain. The rebels are still in great want of money, and Cromwell intends, by his Majors General, to make the rich citizens pay him good sums. Many gentlemen are leaving London, choosing rather to fall into the hands of the country Majors-General than into those appointed for London and Middlesex. People that never thought of going beyond seas are now meditating how to get out of England speedily.

I hear nothing of a peace between Spain and Portugal, but it would be an infinite advantage to Spain in his war with Cromwell.

Sweden will not treat with Holland unless the States renounce their league with Spain, which the Dutch cannot do without infinite inconvenience, beside the dishonour of such an act.

I know nothing of O'Neale's negociations, but being of the cabinet, he may go for Flanders.

Ambassador Nieuport is shortly returning from England, to discover to the States some great secrets from Cromwell, which are to abate the Dutch inclinations for the Spaniard; should these prove ineffectual, he is to offer the repeal of the Act of 1651 for regulating trade and navigation, and for Cromwell to join the Dutch against Sweden, if they will join him against Spain. Tell M. Reinswood and 613* this, and sound them about it. Divers of the Prince of Condé's officers are leaving him, having made their peace with France, and Spain is not much sorry for it.

Meadows is sent to Lisbon for the King of Portugal's last resolution about ratifying his treaty with Cromwell, who has left out the article about religion, rather than not have the liberty of the ports in Portugal. Some say the fleet stays to know whether those ports will be open to them.

We hope next post to know whether the King will return here to expect the ratification from Madrid of what has been agreed on in Flanders.

I hear Mr. Cha[ncellor Hyde] intends to bring his lady to Breda to lie in, but if the King return hither, Mr. Cha. should not stir from hence. My wife enquires if your wife goes to England this spring.

P.S.—I am sorry for the good doctor's sickness. I fear it is caused by the troubles he meets with in the family where he is. [3 *pages.*]

March 22. / April 1. Paris. **55.** T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas, Cologne. I shall keep yours of 21 March as a monument of your unmerited favour. I cannot serve you as I desire, but it is not through neglect. I have thrice told *Dick Pile* your wish that he should send intelligence direct to you, but he has forgotten or disregarded it, or else he has no safe way to convey his letters, because my wife, for want of maintenance in London, has been obliged to retire to my mother's; all my letters passed through her hands. Had she been in London, you would not fail of weekly intelligence. If *Hungerford* and *Pile* fail I have no way left but by *Hopton*, who will stay here till *Armorer* returns from *the King*, that he may go over fully instructed by him. He will put his business in your hands only, and relies on you to present him to *the King* as he shall merit.

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* Name unknown, but the initial letter must, by the plan of the cypher, be Y or Z.

I have committed to *Armorer* a suit for myself; *Pile* would send me a messenger, but I think it not needful till *Hopton* and they compare notes, and then an express should be sent to *the King.* Shall I meet it and come with the message to you?

Pile says there is great discontent in *the fleet*, and wishes means to be taken to continue it. Some in London of *Maj.-Gen. Massey's* acquaintance would be the fittest instruments. I think "Mallard's son by his first wife" [*see* 21 *Feb., p.* 197 *supra*] must mean the Presbyterians, for he [Massey] has neither son nor wife as far as I know, so it must mean the first quarrel he espoused, which was the Presbyterian. By "Heyman's antidote" he must mean some assistance from the King to allay disanimations there. [2 *pages; italics cyphers undecyphered.*]

March 22. / April 1. Paris. **56.** T. Ross to Nicholas. Since writing my letter, I have heard from my wife and Pile, who, because he cannot come to Calais, has sent her. I shall hasten thither. I think some sudden business has caused it. I have no news but that Cromwell has resolved to govern the city by Majors-General, and has sent for the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to acquaint them. You can best judge how acceptable this will be to the city. [1 *page.*]

March 23. / April 2. **57.** C. George to Jos. Williamson, Saumur. I send you letters received yesterday. [*Scrap. French.*]

March 24. **58.** Petition of Manasseh Ben Israel and 6 other Jews in London to the Protector. We thank you for leave to meet in our private houses for devotion, and beg to have a protection in writing, that we may meet without fear of molestation, as we desire to live peaceably under your government. Also we beg license that those of us who die may be buried in a place out of the city, with leave of the proprietors. 7 signatures. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council. [1 *page.*]

March 25. **59.** Petition of the inhabitants of Towcester, co. Northampton, to the Protector, that the augmentation of 31*l.* a year from the reserved rent of the impropriation there, lately belonging to the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, and of 19*l.* a year from the impropriate rectory of Maple Durham, Cotterstock, and Chipping Norton, may be continued to Robert Wallwin, their minister, presented 6 June 1655 by the Commissioners of the Great Seal to the Commissioners for Approbation of public Preachers, approved, and admitted to the vicarage there. The parish is a very great market town, and a great thoroughfare, and the vicarage only worth 26*l.* to 30*l.* a year; 10 signatures. [1 *page.*]

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March 25. **60.** Like petition, 12 signatures, chiefly duplicates of the preceding. [1 *page.*]

March 25. **61.** Like petition to similar effect; 13 signatures. [1 *page.*]

March 25. Order thereon to the Trustees for Ministers to continue the said augmentations. Approved 31 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 1, 12.]

March 25. **62.** Petition of William, Earl-Marshal of Scotland, to the Protector, for continuance of liberty on bail. Acknowledges the favour of liberty from the Tower for his health, which is now restored. [½ *page.*]

March 25. Order thereon in Council for his discharge from imprisonment, provided he act nothing prejudicial to his Highness or the Government, nor depart into Scotland without leave. The Lieutenant of the Tower to take his security therefor. [*I.* 77, *p.* 2; *see* 1 *April, p.* 246 *infra.*]

March 25. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Some rules reported from the Committee for better ordering the Customs read, amended, and agreed to. The late Customs' Commissioners and Collectors to be discharged from their offices. Approved 25 March.

2. Edward Horsman, George Foxcroft, merchant of London, and John Upton to be 3 of the Commissioners and Collectors of Customs, and to be authorised to exercise all powers therein which Alderman Tichborne and the other late Commissioners exercised, according to a contract of March 19 consented to by them. All officers and ministers of Customs in London and the outports to yield obedience.

3. Approval of the augmentation granted by the Trustees for Ministers of 10*l.* to the minister of Thorp Malsor, co. Northampton. Approved by the Protector 31 March.

5. The following to be Commissioners for securing peace in the City of London:—

John Dethick, Lord Mayor.
Maj.-Gen. Phil. Skippon, one of the Council.
Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower.

Ald. Thos. Atkins.
Ald. Thos. Andrews.
Ald. Sir John Woolaston.
Ald. Isaac Pennington.
Ald. John Fowkes.
Ald. Sir Thos. Vyner.
Ald. Sir Chris. Pack.
Ald. Rob. Tichborne.
Ald. John Ireton.
Ald. Andrew Riccards.
Ald. Wm. Underwood.
Ald. Thos. Alleyn.
Ald. Wm. Tompson.
Ald. Rich. Hill.
Lislebone Long, recorder of London.

Sir. Thos. Pride.
Mark Hildesley.
John Stone.
Owen Roe.
Mat. Sheppard.
Chas. Doyley.
Col. John Biscoe.
Col. Nath. Campfeild.

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Tempest Milner.
Hen. Brandreth.
Rob. Barrett.
Thos. Steane.
Thos. Benson.
Thos. Plampin.
Wm. Kiffen.
Wm. Smith.
Methuselah Turner.
Maj. Wm. Puckle.
Maj. Rob. Russell.
Maj. John Foatch.
Maj. Thos. Randall.
Capt. Nath. Manton.
Capt. Ed. Storey.
Capt. Mark Coe.
Martin Noel.
Thos. Juxon.
Nich. Juxon.

Approved 31 March.

8. The petition of the inhabitants of Burton Agnes parish, in the East Riding of co. York, for the settling of 38*l.* yearly out of the rectory of the parish to maintain a free school there, recommended to the Trustees for Ministers.

10. The Earl of Cleveland not to have liberty to go into the country for 2 months on parole.

11. The Lieutenant of Tower to attend Council to-morrow morning.

12. The report concerning satisfaction for Wm. Minheire, respecting a verdict at law given against him concerning fee farm rents issuing out of Lord Herbert's estate, which Minheire could not receive according to his purchase, to be considered to-morrow.

13. A bond of 16 May entered into at the late Council of State by Sir Thos. Middleton in 16,000*l.*, with 2 sureties in 5,000*l.* apiece, for his appearing on summons, and meanwhile doing nothing against the State, or allowing Chirk Castle to be so used, to be delivered up to him to be cancelled.

14. The draft of a Proclamation prepared by the Attorney-General, concerning daggers and pocket pistols, referred to Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, and Desborow; Mr. Secretary to assist.

15. The Lord President informs that Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and Geo. Bartlett, who were arrested by order of his Highness about a quarrel, are now waiting at the door.

16. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the petition of Thos. Paris, Nath. Hering, and other owners and employers of the Lion of London, bound for Newfoundland, and to grant them a warrant preventing the impressing of 30 men from her, if they see no reason to the contrary.

18. Council to meet again to-morrow morning.

19. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 25 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 1–4.]

March 25.
Hull.

63. Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received your instructions for Capt. Boost to take the Amsterdam ships also under his convoy to London, and desired the merchants to order their affairs so as to give less trouble therein for the future. The merchants of Hull return thanks for the favour, but decline to accept it, as the dangers of the seas from Hull to the Thames are greater than from Hull to the Texel. Having perishable goods on board and lying so long at sea, and then going from Hull to the

Thames and thence to Amsterdam, they would not endure the voyage; also the insurances effected on the faith of their sailing direct from Hull to Amsterdam would be forfeited if the route was altered. As Capt. Boost is to return to his station after convoying the London ships to the Thames, and will pass the Humber's mouth, they desire he may be ordered to call there and convoy their ships to the Texel; in order that no time may be lost, they will be there ready to meet him. Having imprisoned Jno. Hall in York and Wm. Deerlaw in Hull, for receiving press money and then deserting, I want to know what I am to do with them and others of a like nature. [1¼ *pages.*]

March 25. **64.** Petition of Capt. Jas. Greenaway and 5 other captains of ships of London, Yarmouth, and Leith, bound for Rochelle and Bordeaux, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for a convoy. Are richly laden, and there are many enemies on the coast of France who have taken several English ships coming home under convoy of 3 French men-of-war, and took 2 Bristol ships; 3 frigates of St. Sebastian's almost surprized the 3 French men-of-war. [1 *page.*]

March 25. Assignment by Thomas Zachary of Twickenham, co. Middlesex, to John Gell of St. Martin's in the Fields, for 10*l.* of the residue of a lease for 14½ years from Michaelmas 1653, of a messuage in Twickenham, rent 8*l.*; endorsed with an agreement that John Gell pays all taxes, &c., on the house. [*Parchment signed, Interregnum Box* 3, *No.* 3.]

March 26. The Gainsborugh, Downs. **65.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to the Admiralty Commissioners. I could not grant a convoy to Rochelle without your order. The Pembroke and Drake could take the ships, and would do much good, passing in and out of the Channel. A rich vessel for Scotland wants a convoy; I can send her to Yarmouth. What shall I do with the prisoners, and what about convoys generally? A Dutch vessel from Cadiz reports that 18 men-of-war are fitting out there, and that 30 of their Naples fleet sailed from thence a month since for the Straits. Capt. Hugh Wilson, of the Anthony of London, from Virginia, was boarded three times off Beechy by an Ostend man-of-war of 8 guns and 60 men, but on the last attempt, he forced many of them overboard and took 6 prisoners, with the loss of two of his own and 4 wounded. The packet boat from Dunkirk having reported that an Ostender was at the back of the Goodwin Sands, I have sent the Pembroke and Drake to look after him. [1 *page.*]

March 26. **66.** Petition of Capt. Sam. Chamblett, master of the Prosperous, on behalf of the laders and owners, to Council, for a protection for 60 men, she being chosen a general ship by the Turkey Company, and laden with lead, cloth, &c., value 10,000*l.*; she has paid 4,000*l.* customs, but has been waiting 3 months, unable to depart because her men are always pressed out of her. [⅔ *page.*]

March 26. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners give the required warrant, if they see no reason to the contrary. [*I.* 77, *p.* 8.]

March 26. **67.** Petition of Col. Sol. Richards, for the officers of his regiment, to the Protector, for an order to the Commissioners for stating accounts in Ireland to allow them their pay as promised, for the time between the dates of their commissions and their first muster in Ireland. [⅔ *page. See* 2 *Sept.* 1654.] *Annexing,*

67. I. *Draft warrant, as proposed by Richards, for satisfaction from lands in Ireland for that interval, as well as for the rest of their arrears.* [1 *page.*]

67. II. *Certificate by J. Brett of the names of the officers, and note from Lord Deputy Fleetwood that he fears there will be uncertainty from what time to state their accounts, unless taken from the dates of their commissions.* 20 *March* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

March 26. Order thereon in Council that the Commissioners for accounts in Ireland grant them debentures for pay from 6 weeks after the date of their commissions to their first muster in Ireland. Approved 31 March. [*I.* 77, *p.* 9.]

March 26. Council. Day's Proceedings.

5. The President reports his Highness's approval of the orders upon the officers of Customs, with one clause which he amended:—

That the Accountant General be appointed by his Highness, wholly dependent on the State, and answerable for his clerks. That he also act as a check on the Commissioners of Customs and their officers, as to daily receipts for customs in the Port of London by bills of exchange, &c., from the out-ports, and as to moneys paid by the Commissioners for half subsidy, incident charges, salary, &c.

That the Cashier General and receiver in the Port of London, and all the collectors in the out-ports be nominated by the Customs' Commissioners, and approved by the Committee for Preservation of Customs.

That on this new settlement, the Commissioners of Customs present to his Highness the names of all the present officers, that those of honesty and integrity may be continued, and those excepted against discharged. The Commissioners to have power to suspend their officers, giving an account thereof to his Highness, that if they are thought fit to be removed, others may be placed in their room.*

That the clerks of the checks shall not compare their books with those of the Cmmissioners or officers, nor allow them to be compared, on pain of loss of office. *Annexing,*

68. *Draft of the above orders,* 25 *March* 1655. [1⅓ *pages.*]

8. On report from the Committee on a proclamation against the use of pocket dags, several amendments were made, and the same was recommitted on a clause now in debate, to be brought in tomorrow morning. Mulgrave added to the Committee.

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* This is the clause amended by the Protector; in the draft it stands thus:—That only such officers be continued in employment as are approved by the said Commissioners, and that the Commissioners have power to remove officers, and nominate others to be approved by the said Commissioners.—Ed.

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9. Order—on petition from Rich. Creed for present payment of 112*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* due to him as surveyor of delinquents' estates, for which he has a warrant of April last from the Drury House Trustees to the Treasurers for Sale of the Estates, but which they cannot pay, as an order of 11 October last requires them to pay all they receive into the Exchequer—that the Drury House Treasurers pay him notwithstanding.

10. Order that notwithstanding the representation of the Trustees for Sale of Lands forfeited for treason, the Treasurers of that receipt do, according to the order of Oct. 11, 1655, pay into the Exchequer all sums as they come in, and not otherwise dispose of them except the 112*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* ordered to-day to Rich. Creed.

11. The report from the Committee for removing Obstructions, on an order from a Committee of Council on the petition of Wm. Minheire, for satisfaction for fee-farm rents from Lord Herbert's estate, referred to Wolsley, Lisle, Strickland, Jones, the Lord Deputy, and Desborow, to report. [*See* 4 *April* 1656.]

13. John Harvey of Wange, co. Essex, to be a commissioner for the monthly assessments in his county.

14. Order—on petition of the Governor and Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England, for protection from impress of their officers and mariners bound for Hamburg, viz., 38 belonging to the Roebuck and 42 to the Hamburg Merchant—that the Admiralty Commissioners grant the warrants as desired, if they see no cause to the contrary.

17. The business on behalf of Rachel Bisson, for satisfying her loss out of a discovery, referred to Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, Wolsley, Desborow, and the Lord Deputy, to report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 4–9.]

March 26. **69.** Thos. Chaplin and 2 other Commissioners for securing the peace, co. Suffolk, to Pres. Lawrence. By direction of Council of 27 Dec. last to Major Haynes or us, we send particulars of the Earl of Devonshire's estate in this association. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

69. i. *Particulars of the said estate, giving the several rentals; total,* 1,101*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* [1 *page.*]

March 27. **70.** Petition of Edw. Greene, executor of Col. Manwaring, Col. Geo. Langham, Fras. Dashwood, Sam. Foote, Jas. Smith, jun., Edw. Backwell, John Callingwood, and Thos. Langham, to the Protector and Council. We are sued in the Exchequer as sureties in large sums for Capt. Hen. Langham, late cashier for the Customs. He says that if he could have liberty of his person, books, and vouchers for stating his accounts, we should not be damnified, but his estate would satisfy his debts. As we are sure you do not wish us to suffer unjustly, we beg this liberty for him. Also

Petition of Edm. Harvy, Rob. Tichborne, and Mark Hildesley to the Protector and Council. We are anxious to perfect our accounts, but find that our vouchers for the year ending 24 June 1654 and since, to the value of 600,000*l.*, have been taken from our cashier, and without them our accounts cannot be allowed. Also we cannot deliver our accounts on oath without examining our books of customs with the books of cash and the cashier, and therefore we beg that Langham may be released, on bail of Mary and James Rand, and his books, papers, and vouchers restored to him on inventory by Capt. Stone. [1 *sheet, signed by all.*]

March 27. Order in Council thereon that Langham be set at liberty, on bail in such sums and sureties as the Preservation of Customs' Commissioners shall order, and on their certificate the Serjeant-at-arms is to liberate him. [*I.* 77, *p.* 11.]

March 27. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Adam Cleypole, of West Deeping, co. Lincoln, referred to Lambert, Desborow, Jones, Lisle, Strickland, the Lord Deputy, Sydenham, and Pickering, to report.

2. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on the salaries and fees payable to the Auditors of Exchequer, and the Receivers General in the several counties constituted by letters patent, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Jones, Mulgrave, Wolsley, and the Lord Deputy, to consider and report.

3. The following augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers approved and to be paid accordingly, viz.:—

	£
Minister of Warrington, co. Lancaster	30
„ Hindley, co. Lancaster	10
„ Deane, co. Lancaster	30
„ Ringley Chapel, co. Lancaster	23
„ Paul's Walden, co. Hereford	19

Approved by the Protector 31 March.

7. Order, on report from the Committee on the complaint about the Swedish ambassador's servants, that Geo. Sanderson and Thos. Spicer be committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, for arresting them, knowing them to be his servants, and without any application for leave, this being contrary to the privilege of ambassadors.

9. Order that the Customs' Commissioners examine the lading on board the Tobias, now in the Thames, and bound outward, and whether any part is on account of Spaniards, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 10–12.]

March 27. Victualling Office. **71.** Capt. Thos. Alderne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hoped the consideration of the new declaration would have prevailed for more money than the ordinary assignments; the want of it will disenable me to proced any further; I beg some addition, the rather as the butchers are now killing; 6,500*l.* is already due on the weekly payments, exclusive of this week, and 3,000*l.* of the last. I do not know how you understand it, but I am sure I want more money than is assigned, and if the New England bills interfere this week to lessen my receipts, I will only say that I judge it more

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equitable to pay those that lose 40 per cent. by what they deliver than those that get so much by their remitments. [1 *page.*]

March 27.
London.
72. [John Weston to T. Ross.] I am to tell you that *Cromwell* (?) has strictly charged me not to mention that you desire to admit *the King* (?) to any composition, saying it is your due, and you shall have it soon, for he has agreed with one Streight to see him arrested, and then to have his reward. One of *Stanley's* family, who has lately been 2 or 3 journeys to where *the King* is, will assist him. An intimate of *Lambert's*, a most cunning fellow, is sent into France; remember that if *the King* cannot make him his friend, he must try to make him not his enemy. Six times the *men* that *the army* allowed *the fleet*, the *King of Spain* has allowed *the King of England* to furnish him in his journey, so says the *Council of State*. My friend is sick of the mother, but I laugh at her, knowing she can help it. [½ *page; italics are cyphers, partly decyphered.*]

March 27?
73. [Alice Ross to ———]. Hearing that you could send the enclosed to *the King*, I trouble you with these lines. *John Weston* says there is a colonel allied to the *Wildman* family, who does not receive from *the King* the kindness he expected, and it is feared it may make a breach between the families, and then there is no hopes of the match between *the King* and *Wildman*. Some that know the intentions of *Wildman's* friends should speak with the colonel, and recover the former neglect.

Our merchantmen complain much for their last loss. *Dick Pile* tells me with much sorrow that a Dutch ship was brought in by our ships, the goods claimed, and the claim acknowledged, but while they were getting an order to regain them, 8,000*l.* value were sold. This will be ground enough for a quarrel between us. I wish I could always be in town to wait on the *King's affairs*, but I am obliged to retire into the country. Endorsed [by Nicholas], "In it was sent one from John Weston to *the King*;" found with the preceding. [1 *page; italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

March 27./April 6.
Calais.
74. I. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. I have met my friend here, but the business being unfit for a letter, I send it by Nich. Armorer. Hasten his return to Paris, for when *Hopton* receives your commands by him, he will go to England, and faithfully follow your instructions. I will soon send back my friend to satisfy the impatience of our friends. Nich. will tell you what we have returned. [1 *page.*]

[March 28.]
5 Kal. April.
Saumur.
75. Dr. Tanaquil Faber to Jos. Williamson. In reply to your queries whether Sarranius rightly made that person a herald, I have no answer to give, because I have not a copy of the letters I wrote you two months ago. The differences between ὀρύγη, ὀρυγῆ, ὀρόγῃ, and ὠρύγη, and between ποιήσαι, πόιησαι, ποιῆσαι, distinguished, with reasons in each case for the position of the accents.

I do not exactly know who edited (?) Ovid within ten years, but think it likely it was Dr. Nicholas Heinsius, who has hitherto forgotten his promises, though I know he has most diligently searched all the libraries in Italy to obtain the MSS. Codexes of Ovid. In haste. [*Latin*, 1 *page.*]

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March 29. **76.** Report of the Customs' Commissioners to the Protector and Council. We have received your orders of 26 March [*see p.* 241 *supra*] and beg to represent that we should thereby be left destitute of an accountant, and yet our accounts have to be delivered in within 4 months of the end of our year. We request that we may have an accountant with the same salary as the Accountant General. Sad consequences would also ensue from the order against the comparing the books of the clerks of the check with those of the Customs' officers, which is one of the greatest securities, and the means of finding out the mistakes which must fall out in such various business, and of retrieving loss. We therefore beg that we or persons appointed by us (not the collectors) may have leave to peruse the books of the clerks of the check in the Port of London and the out-ports. [1 *page.*]

March 30./April 9. Paris. **77.** C. George to Williamson. I send you 2 beautiful baldrics, which have cost 50 livres; one is of silk, and of great price. My duty to the gentlemen (pupils). [*French,* 1 *page.*]

March 31. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders, 21–27 March. [*I.* 77, *p.* 12.]

March. **78–105.** Receipts for moneys paid by Sec. Thurloe or by his order for public intelligence from 9 April 1655 to 15 March 1655–56. [28 *papers.*]

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April 1. Blank form of a commission by the Protector for the discovery of concealed lands, &c. Whereas lands, moneys, and goods of value, belonging to us in right of the Commonwealth, are unjustly concealed and detained, and whereas several well affected persons are ready to discover them, if it could be done more speedily and cheaply than by bills in the Exchequer, and if they could be assured of a competent reward,—we, by advice of our Council, appoint you to receive all informations thereon, and send for witnesses, records, &c., provided that the informers first give security to make good their informations, or pay damages to the persons molested. You are to enquire into the said cases, and certify the discoveries to the Treasury Commissioners, that they may issue process from the Exchequer for their recovery, and you are to have a salaried registrar, who is to take no fees except for writing.

You are to sit at 9 a.m. at Worcester House, Strand, and to sit 3 days a week for a year. The discoverers are to have $\frac{1}{5}$ of the profits of their discoveries. All who discover their own concealments to have free pardon, and a full $\frac{1}{5}$. Any persons having lands or goods concealed on their compositions are to compound at $\frac{1}{4}$ of the value, and submit to the directions of the Treasury Commissioners for charging the same, and on payment, shall be free from seizure or sequestration. We have issued a patent to the Treasury

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Commissioners for payment of the registrar's salaries, the fifths, and other moneys due thereon. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 834–838.]

April 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a paper from Lord Nieuport, that the Customs' Commissioners allow his agent to take up 3 tuns of French wine sent from Zealand in a war ship custom free, and allow it to be unladed in the river near Gravesend, and brought to his cellar, as it is certified to be for his own use.

3. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* to Nich. Barnard, D.D., for the funeral of the Archbishop of Armagh, without fees to clerks or officers.

4. The petition of Mary, widow of Maj.-Gen. Rich. Fortescue, and the certificate from the Trustees for sale of Delinquents' Lands, referred to Lambert, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to report.

6. The Earl-Marshal of Scotland to have liberty for 3 months on the same bail as before, to be taken by the Lieutenant of the Tower.

7. Jones to attend his Highness with a report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the 4 ships ordered on 23 Feb. to be got ready for sea speedily.

8. To advise a commission under the Great Seal constituting Ed. Cressett, Thos. Gorge, Robt. Pelham, Thos. Creswell, and ——— Shapcott Commissioners to examine fraudulent debentures applied to purchasing the late King, Queen, and Prince's lands, fee-farm rents, delinquents' estates, or other lands exposed for sale for the use of the State.

9. To advise his Highness to appoint ——— Sedgwick as his counsel for the business of fraudulent debentures.

10. To recommend the Fraudulent Debentures' Commissioners to admit Geo. Jenkins to a fit employment under them.

11. The following augmentations to ministers by the Trustees for Ministers approved and to be paid:—

	Per Annum.		
To the minister of Marden, Hereford - -	£50	0	0
„ „ Norton Cannon, Hereford -	20	0	0
„ „ Bicknaller, Somerset -	50	0	0
„ „ Kingsbury, „ -	30	2	10

Approved 5 April.

12. The draft of a commission for examinations touching concealed lands, and other duties belonging to the State, read in parts, amended, agreed to, and referred back to the same commission to consider fit persons for the several blanks in the commission, and report.

15. The Army Committee to be empowered to issue warrants to the War Treasurers for 35,000*l.* for service of the forces in Ireland, and to send it in waggons to Chester, thence to be transported to Ireland in ships which the Admiralty Commissioners are hereby ordered to appoint. Approved 5 April.

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16. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning defective powder supplied by the makers, the condition of the stores as to powder, and money for supply of victuals, read, and consideration respited till Desborow, now absent, shall be present.

18. The examinations in the case of Don Anthonio Roderigo de Robelles read.

19. Order that—as, by an Ordinance of 29 Aug. 1654, the Army Committee was to issue a warrant for payment, from moneys for service in Ireland, to Lionel Beecher, merchant of Bideford, of 1,336*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* for provisions, ordnance, and ammunition delivered in the forts of Youghal and Cork during the late war, in full discharge of a Parliament Order of 8 Nov. 1643, for 1,048*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*, and on certificates of Lord Broghill for 87*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, and of all interest thereon; and as warrants have been signed for 332*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*,—his Highness be requested to issue a warrant for the balance of 1,004*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* [*I.* 77, *pp.* 13–16.] *Annexing,*

1. *Breviate of 15 warrants signed for payments to Beecher,* 20 *Oct.* 1654, *to* 7 *Nov.* 1655; *total* 332*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* [¾ *page.*]

April 1. Wells. **2.** Sequestration Commissioners of co. Somerset to Pres. Lawrence. In obedience to yours of the 27th, we present an account of the Earl of Devon's estate in this county. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

2. I. *Note of the said estate, viz.,* 50*l. in old rents at Glastonbury.* [¾ *page.*]

April 2. **3.** Petition of Fras. Smith, of Chelsea, Middlesex, to Council. I and the late Gualter Frost were ordered by the Committee of both kingdoms to freight ships with provisions for Ireland, which we did, entering into bond to pay the owners, especially a bond of 300*l.*, to pay 150*l.* to Thos. Fisher, late of Deal, owner of the Bennett of Sandwich, who has commenced a suit in the Upper Bench, and will take out execution unless prevented; it is a public debt, and I have received nothing, so I beg indemnity. [⅔ *page.*]

April 2. Reference thereon to Wolsley, Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Desborow, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 17.]

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2. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning their proceedings with the powder makers on Council's order of 18 March last—that they must require them to make good their several proportions of powder, and if any refuse, certify the same, that a warrant may be issued to the Serjeant-at-arms to commit the refusers.

3. The Lord President being sent for by his Highness, Lisle was called to the chair.

4. Order—on a certificate from the Army Committee concerning an arrear of 29,787*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* of the assessments on the City of

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London, whereof 6,616*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* remains on the merchants of the Intercourse, who refuse payment on pretence that they are remitted from paying taxes by order of his Highness and Council—that the Committee on the business of the said merchants send for them, and report what they have to say.

7. The petition of John Streater referred to Wolsley, Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Desborow, to report.

9. The report for the children of Col. Randall Mainwaring to be considered first to-morrow morning, and the clerks of Council to remind the Lord President thereof.

10. **4.** A list of the ships to guard the coast, names given, certified from the Admiralty Commissioners, read.

13 in the Downs and sent forth on several occasions.
1 plying about Lynn.
1 plying about Harwich.
1 gone to Hamburg.
2 on the North Sea fishery.
3 on the Northern coast.
1 on the Scotch coast.
5 to the westward.
2 plying about Portland.
2 between the Isle of Wight and Seine head.
1 off Beachy.
5 on the Irish coast.
2 for the Iceland fishery.
1 refitting at Chatham. Total of men, 3,230.

Also list of 11 more ships with 900 men, which the Commissioners deemed necessary for the service.

11. The Admiralty Commissioners to take order that the ships mentioned in the latter list, or others not bearing more than the 900 men in all, be prepared, in addition to those of the first list. Approved April 5.

12. Order, on report by Col. Jones of his Highness's pleasure, that the Admiralty Commissioners instruct the 3 provision ships to sail to Lisbon or elsewhere, and when they find the fleet, to observe the orders of Generals Blake and Montague.

13. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Ministers of 30*l.* to Peter's in St. Albans, co. Herts. Approved by the Protector 5 April.

14. Order—on report from the Committee on Dudley Avery's business concerning the account of the former Customs' Commissioners—that Thos. Buckley, Accountant General to the former Commissioners, now in custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, have liberty to attend Auditor Beale to perfect the accounts under his charge; the Serjeant-at-arms is to send a careful keeper with him, to return him to custody.

15. The books and papers seized on in Avery's lodgings, now before Council sealed up, to be delivered to Beale to open in presence of Avery and Buckley, and cause an inventory to be made. The

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Serjeant-at-arms to allow Avery and his keeper to repair to Beale when Beale directs.

16. Order on petition of Sir Chris. Pack, for himself and other inhabitants of Prestwold, co. Leicester,—showing that the parish is large, containing the 4 villages of Prestwold, Burton, Cotes, and Forton (of which Prestwold contains a church and Forton a chapel) being a thoroughfare to the northern counties, and having but 26*l.* 8*s.* for the minister's salary, dwelling, and maintenance, and that very casual, nothing having been paid since last Midsummer, and then charged with payment of several duties, in consequence whereof a godly able minister has not been obtained within the memory of man, and an augmentation is much required—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers consider what is alleged and settle a fit augmentation, the former order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved April 5.

17. Order, for the more certain payment of his Highness's lifeguard according to the new establishment, that the regiments of horse in England be reduced from 50 to 48 in each troop, from Feb. 18 1865–6, and the pay of the two applied towards the lifeguard; the Army Committee to take order accordingly. Approved 5 April.

18. Jessop to pay out of what remains of the 40*l.* he had on account of the Council's contingencies 2*l.* to John Creed, who is to pay it over to Charles Gerard for disbursements made by him. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 16–19.]

April 2.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Mayor and the Commissioners for Assessment in the City of London. Council, having received from the Army Committee an account of the great arrears due from London on the several assessments, amounting to 23,171*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, beside 6,616*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* charged on the merchants of the Intercourse, according to the enclosed list, in respect of the present great lack of money for the Army, and to prevent free quarter, recommends it to your notice to get in the money. [*I.* 77, *p.* 838.]

April 2.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. The monthly assessments of the Commonwealth falling short of the necessary charge for the forces, and the remaining revenue being otherwise employed, it is difficult to fill up the deficit. Considering that 2,000*l.* a month was abated from the Scotch assessment on lands destroyed by the war formerly, and conceiving that they may now have sufficiently recovered from the effects thereof, Council commends it to your serious thought to consider whether some proportion of the said 2,000*l.* may not be raised in Scotland, and if you find it so, it shall be put into a convenient way of execution. You are to consult herein with Gen. Monk, to whom his Highness referred it last October to advise with you about raising 500*l.* a month out of the said abated assessments, for the Council's contingencies in Scotland. Pray signify what the monthly sum likely to be so raised may amount to. [*I.* 77, *p.* 838.]

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April 2. **5.** Order in the Committee of Council on the payment of taxes by merchants of the Intercourse, that the said merchants attend them to-morrow at 8 a.m. on the business. [½ *page.*]

April 2. **6.** Note that Lady Robina, widow and executrix of Dr. Peter French, minister of Whitehall Chapel, demands as due to her husband for 9 months' service from 1 Sept. 1654 to 31 May 1655, what is allowed after the rate his Highness and Council think fit. [⅓ *page.*]

April 3. **7.** Petition of Rob. Browning, Edm. Halley, and Wm. Basset, for the owners of the John of Berkshire, to the Protector and Council, for letters of marque against the Spaniards, on giving security in the Admiralty Court, and a just account of what prizes they take. Have furnished the ship with 16 pieces of ordnance for a Greenland voyage, but divers ships from Dunkirk, &c., do much spoil to English ships, and lately carried from the Isle of Wight a ship, of which Browning was part owner. [¾ *page.*]

April 3. Order and warrant in Council for the granting of letters of marque on sufficient security. Approved 5 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 22, 30; *I.* 112, *p.* 294.]

April 3. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the children of the late Col. Randall Mainwaring—that in consideration of his faithful services, Parliament ordered, on 25 July 1650, 200*l.* a year to be paid him from Haberdashers' Hall, till 200*l.* should be settled on him and his heirs from delinquents' lands; a committee to consider from what estate he should have it, and an Act to be prepared settling it on him; but that no lands were settled on him, and that on his death, Parliament, on 16 Nov. 1652, referred it to a committee to settle some, which was not done, nor has the 200*l.* been paid to his children since 1652:—that the Trustees for forfeited Estates, out of lands not yet sold, convey the yearly worth of 200*l.* to the use of John, Randall, George, Mary, and Sarah, children of the late Col. Mainwaring, [payable in the meantime out of Haberdashers' Hall, with the arrears,] and that in order to carry out the conditions of Col. Mainwaring's will, the lands be conveyed to Att. Gen. Prideaux and Roger Hill, serjeant-at-law, in trust to be distributed according to the will. Approved by the Protector 10 April, with omission of the passage in brackets, and passed.

2. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers as follows:—

Estwick, co. Hereford	- - -	£ 30
Bridstow, „	- - -	16
Tretire „	- - -	16

Approved by the Protector 5 April.

3. Order—on certificate from well affected persons in Carlisle to the godly conversation and good affection of Isaac Tully, alderman, and Edw. James, common councilman—that they be continued in their places, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. Approved 5 April. *Annexing,*

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8. *Certificate alluded to signed by Thos. Craister, Cuth. Studholme, Thos. Turner, schoolmaster, and* 14 *others in their favour, as having deserted the malignant party and given proof of good affection.* [1 *page.*]

4. Order—on a paper from Col. Chas. Howard, deputy Maj.-General of some of the northern counties, for continuance in their places of Rich. Monk, John Harrison, John Robinson, and Rob. Jackson, common councilmen of Carlisle—that Howard advise with the godly and well affected of the city, and if they think it necessary for the good of the town, that he permit the said persons to remain in office, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. Approved 5 April. *Annexing,*

9. *Certificate of Col. Chas. Howard alluded to, giving his reasons in favour of the said men.* [1 *page.*]

5. Order—on presentation by Col. Sydenham of reports from the Treasury Commissioners, one containing an account of proceedings on the late Proclamation for convicting recusants by their not taking the oath of abjuration, the other certifying the draft of a warrant and instructions for the best improvement of the estates of papists and delinquents—that Desborow, Sydenham, Lambert, Jones, and Mulgrave, consider the said reports and papers, and report. *Annexing,*

10. *Report alluded to, shewing that from some counties no returns have been made, and suggesting letters from Council to the justices of peace, to be given them at the sessions by the sheriffs, to quicken them in the service.* 1 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

10. I. *Summary of the returns from the several counties, giving the names of the justices of peace who have certified, and the number of neglecters and refusers to appear before the justices and take the oath in the several counties and towns; noting that in Lancashire the number returned is* 992, *but the rolls of convictions in the Exchequer show that there are more. Also that writs of scire facias are issued against the neglecters, for the sheriffs to give them notice to show cause why* ⅔ *of their goods and lands should not be sequestered for neglecting to appear to take the oath of abjuration. With list of* 26 *counties and towns in England, and of* 11 *in Wales, from which no certificates have been returned. Presented to the Treasury Commissioners by Chris. Barnard* 3 *March* 1655–6. [*Book of* 20½ *written and several blank pages.*]

6. The petition of John Dethick, Lord Mayor of London, Maj. Thos. Chamberlain, and Luke Lucy of London, merchants—for [stay of] the sale of the St. George, condemned in the Exchequer Court unknown to the petitioners, on prosecution of John Aldersea, as having traded in the English plantations, though they had a warrant in that behalf from the late Council of State,—referred to Desborow,

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Jones, Sydenham, Strickland, Wolsley, Mulgrave, Lambert, and Lisle, to learn the fact, and report.

8. Charles Howard added to the Trade Committee. Approved 5 April.

9. The report on the petition of several merchants complaining of prohibitions issued from the Courts of Common Law at Westminster to be read first to-morrow, and the clerks of Council to remind the President thereof.

11. Skippon, Rous, Lambert, Mulgrave, Strickland, Lisle, and Sydenham to consider the several lists of names tendered of those to be added to the Committee for ejecting scandalous and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters, to learn their fitness for the work, and to report.

12. **11.** Order—on petition of John, Lord Borthwick, for return of the charters and writings in a list given, which belong to him, delivered in 1649 to a clerk of the Court of Justice in Scotland, on a suit of his depending, and put into Edinburgh Castle, but no part of the public records—that Sir John Barkstead, Peter Brereton, and Edw. Carey ascertain whether the writings are private evidences, and have not before been kept with the public records of Scotland, and report.

13. The petition of Hen. Morris—shewing that Rowlands, sometime Bishop of Bangor, settled tithes of 30*l.* a year for maintainance of a free school at Bottwonnog, co. Carnarvon, where no one resides now; that the trustees discontinued the school, and have detained the fees for 2 years, and praying that the school may be removed to Pwllheli, a market town within 5 miles from Bottwonnog, where there are frequent meetings of godly persons who would have a good influence on the youth of the place; and that the arrears may be employed in erecting a schoolhouse, and the petitioner settled as master,—referred to Jones, Col. Geo. Twistleton, and Nath. Bacon, to learn the fact and fitness of the request, and report.

14. Jessop to write to the Lieutenant of the Tower according to the purport of to-day's debate, on a paper concerning Mrs. Knight, wife to one that attends on the late King of Scots.

15. Desborow, Maj.-General for co. Cornwall, to signify to the Commissioners that the mayor of Penryn is to continue in that office for the rest of the year. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 20–23.]

April 3. **12.** Report of Hen. Scobell and Rich. Sherwin to the Committee of Council on moneys. We certify, on the state of præ and post fines referred to us, that the præ-fines are managed by the Commissioners for fines on alienations, and paid in every term. The post-fines were rented by the Earl of Berkshire at 2,200*l.*; but he, being a delinquent and not paying rent, they are paid by the sheriffs into the Exchequer. They are returned into the Court of Exchequer, thence written out in charge to the sheriffs, and by them paid in, and cannot be better managed unless a law were made. Their value cannot well be calculated because of the late troubles, but in 17 James they averaged less than 800*l*, and in 17 Charles

4,000*l.* a year. This advance was through alienation of crown lands, and the advance will continue, by reason that such quantities of crown, bishops, deans and chapters' lands are sold. Also the Bishop of Durham, being a Count Palatine, used to have the fines in that county, which being now brought into the same condition with other counties, they are paid into the Exchequer. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

12. I, II. *Note of post-fines taken before the foreign apposer by sheriffs from* 11 *to* 17 *Charles, total* 29,183*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; *also, from* 11 *to* 17 *James, total* 5,097*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* *Noted as left in the Council Chamber,* 2 *April* 1656. [2 *copies,* 2 *pages each.*]

April 4. **13.** Petition of Gilbert Dawson to Council for a free pass for 3 geldings to Holland, having some horses which he must sell. [½ *page.*]

April 4. Order in Council for the license, and license required, at request of Lord Strickland. [*I.* 77, *p.* 24. *I.* 112, *p.* 295.]

April 4. **14.** Petition of Thos. Lawrence, mayor, the aldermen and common council of Colchester, Essex, to the Protector. We are sensible of the trouble caused you by our several complaints and petitions, occasioned by the late differences in this corporation, the foundation of which is the constitution of our present charter, which gives too great power to the people to slight the magistracy and render them useless, whereby wickedness and profaneness much increase. We beg a charter with provisions that may tend to maintain the magistracy. 22 signatures. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *Account by Wm. Cockerell, town clerk of Colchester, of proceedings in the Moorhall,* 10 *March* 1655–6, *when it was ordered that the mayor, Thos. Lawrence, Ald. Hen. Barrington, the Chamberlain John Furlie, and John Vickers should go to London, to attend his Highness with a petition for alteration of the town charter, and that their expenses should be paid at the town charge. With list of the corporation, viz., mayor,* 4 *aldermen,* 7 *assistants, and* 10 *common councilmen.* [1 *page.*]

April 4. Reference thereon in Council to the Committee appointed to consider the renewing of corporation charters, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 29.]

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3. The revenue from the excise and customs to be henceforth paid to the Navy Treasurer for relief of sick and wounded soldiers and sailors, and the Admiralty Commissioners to offer something for settling the matter to Council on Tuesday.

4. The Treasury Commissioners to forbear, till Oct. 1, 1656, paying away any revenues due for the half year ending 25 March last, or which shall come due till Oct. 1 to the War-treasurers, on the patent whereby 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* is charged to be paid them for the army's use, and to use the said money for payment of moneys charged on the Exchequer by letters patent or Privy Seals. Approved April 5.

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5. Vyner and Pack, treasurers for the money collected for the distressed Protestants in Piedmont, to accept and pay a bill of exchange, dated Geneva, Feb. 27, 1656, signed by Moreland, for 500*l.* to James and Anthony Trouchin, of Lyons, for value received, and place the same to account.

6. Order that the Piedmont treasurers pay bills not exceeding 7,000*l.* drawn on them by Mr. Pell and Moreland, the Committee for managing the collection having resolved to send 7,000*l.* to Geneva. Approved 12 April.

7–9. On report from the Committee on the petition of divers merchants whose names are subscribed, concerning prohibitions from the Courts of Common Law at Westminster to the Admiralty,—setting forth their consulting with the judges and others, and their proceedings in this matter, and that they think prohibitions have been granted unjustly in several cases, of which these are two,—

(1.) That 100 butts of caveare, by an Admiralty warrant of 1651 arrested on the high seas at the suit of John Dickens and others, and possession thereof decreed and executed; notwithstanding which, a prohibition at common law, was awarded against John Robinson, a merchant employed by Dickens on an action of trover at the suit of one Rutts.

(2.) The case of Thos. Rich, merchant of London, concerning a contract with the children and heirs of Geo. Ettenherd, for lading some pieces of eight aboard a ship beyond seas, and a bill of lading for the same, which not being performed according to agreement, and Thos. Rich arresting some wools of Ettenherd's in 1652, and the cause being ready for sentence in the Admiralty, Philip Ricott, in 1653, moved the Upper Bench for a prohibition.

That the matter is of great public concernment and hard to be settled, that people may be relieved with ease and certainty: Order that the report be agreed with, and that letters be written to the lord chief justices and judges, requesting them to be more sparing in granting prohibitions, and to consult with the Admiralty judges before doing so; and also to the Admiralty judges to be careful not to entertain any causes in their court which are within the jurisdiction of common law only. [*See letters*, 5 *April.*]

10. Order in the cases of John Robinson and Thos. Rich, merchants, annexed to the merchants' petition concerning prohibitions and all such other cases depending, that Col. John Jones, Nath. Bacon, Master of Requests, and Ed. Carey, call before them the plaintiffs in the Admiralty Court, and also the defendants, who are also prosecutors at common law, learn the facts of the cases from them, and if they shall not agree therein, the referees must state the fact as it appears to them, and report to Council.

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12. Order on report from the Committee of Council on the petition of Wm. Minheire—that he bought fee-farm rents for 1,118*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* in doubled bills, and 9*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* ready money; that Lord Herbert, out of whose lands the rents issued, pretending that the Act of Parliament by which they were conveyed to him discharged these rents, Council ordered a trial at law, and a verdict passed against Minheire, and therefore he ought to be satisfied for his purchase. Also on certificate by the Committee for Obstructions that the purchase of rents, value 90*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* a year was made 23 Sept. 1651, and the value to 20 March last is 451*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, which, with 60*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* interest, 80*l.* charges, and 9*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* paid in money [as well as 1,118*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* in doubled bills] comes to 540*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*;—that the fee-farm rent treasurers give Minheire bills or doubled bills for the 1,118*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*; that he bring in to the fee-farm trustees public faith bills or debentures value 540*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, and then that they pay him the same in ready money, and that he apply the money only to doubling the said bills, and they give him the doubled bills in the usual form, and that he thereupon deliver up his conveyance of the fee-farm rents to be vacated. Approved 5 April. *Annexing,*

15. *Report alluded to, embodying part of the said order. Signed by Wolsley and Strickland.* [1 *page.*]

15. i. *Certificate of the Committee for Obstructions alluded to, embodying a large portion of the said order.* [2 *pages.*]

13. Order—on the petition of Jas. Morley for a lease of the estate of Cuthbert Morley, and the certificate of the Attorney General thereon [*see* 2 Jan. 1655–6], and also on oath of John Ghest and John Jackson, of Newton-on-Ouse, that the full rent of the manor is 106*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* deducting 20*l.* for Johnson's farm,—that the Treasury Commissioners be required to grant the petitioner a lease of the premises for 50 years at a small rent, on account of his interest as heir, his charges in the outlawry, and his good services. Approved 12 April. *Annexing,*

16. *Col. Rob. Lilburne to Wm. Jessop, clerk of the Council. I send the result of enquiries into the rental of Mr. Morley's estate. If it is not as exactly as you wish, it is on account of my multitude of business, but I will make it more exact on any point required. York,* 18 *Feb.* 1655–56. [1 *page.*]

16. i. *Account of the rentals of Newton on Ouse, Michaelmas* 1653. [2½ *pages.*]

16. ii. *Note of settlements of the estate in York and Yorkshire of Rob. Morley, who died in Dec.* 1651. [1 *page attached to and seemingly connected with the above.*]

16. iii. *Deposition of Ghest and Jackson alluded to in the order, signed by Wm. Steele, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.* 10 *Sept.* 1655. [*Parchment, scrap.*]

16. Reference of the petition of the town of St. Albans, Herts, to the Committee appointed to consider the renewing of corporation charters.

19. The Commissioners for the Swedish treaty to meet the ambassador from Sweden this afternoon or tomorrow about business. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 24–9.]

April 4. **17–19.** Notes of conferences 2 and 4 April with Messrs. Freeman, Carter, Mollins, Richardson, Jarvis, Samayne, and Dewey, gunpowder manufacturers; they say that they have delivered certain quantities of powder as contracted for, into the stores, and are mostly unable to comply with the Council's order in making good the powder said to be defective. Judd and Mullins will change what is found defective on proof. With notes of powder delivered. [3 *papers.*]

April 5. Approval by the Protector of 18 orders, 21 March to 4 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 529–30.]

April 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the 2 Lords Chief Justices and the rest of the Judges of Common Law at Westminster. Several merchants have complained to the Protector that they began suits in the Admiralty courts for matters done upon the high seas, and contracts made beyond seas, and were obstructed by prohibitions from the Courts of Common Law at Westminster, and actions brought and prosecuted at law, for the same matters as have been decreed in the Admiralty Court. This matter, being referred by his Highness to Council, was seriously considered by Council, with advice of the judges of the land and Admiralty judges, and others learned in both common and civil law, who thought a great grievance was therein done to the people, whose charges in the one court were wasted and they left in uncertainty how to obtain relief. His Highness and Council therefore recommend you and the other judges to be very sparing in granting prohibitions, and to consult with the Admiralty judges touching the particular cases before granting them, to determine in which court such cases may best be tried. Approved 5 April. [*I.* 77, *pp*, 30, 838–9.]

April 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Admiralty judges. Several merchants have complained of the hindrance to their cases depending before you caused by the prohibitions granted by the judges of common law to stay proceedings in your court. This will be prevented if courts will keep within their own bounds, and entertain only such causes as are fit for their determination. His Highness and Council therefore desire you not to admit any case more properly within the jurisdiction of common law. Approved 5 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 30, 839.]

April 5. **20–33.** Weekly account of balances in hand and of payments into the Exchequer, from 29 Dec. 1655 to 5 April 1656. [14 *papers.*]

April $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. **34.** C. George to Williamson. I send you letters, you ask news of Benj. Weston. He has not been ill and has gone into England, but he had a dispute with a gentleman, and blows were given on both sides. [1 *page, French.*] *Enclosing,*

34. I. *Tanaquil Faber, S.T.P., to Williamson. I send at your request a letter which I wrote to Gronovius, in which are 2 Ovidian corrections which you can show* *to Menagius unless Menardorius has shown them to him already. As to the first or the second of the Sabbath, I have found nothing among any writers, except Christians or Jews who wrote Greek, certainly nothing in Suetonius. Write to me during your journey. I think I ought to send my Ovidian corrections to that great man, M. Chapelain, but my conscience opposes.* [¾ *page. Latin and French.*]

April 7. Weymouth. **35.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Rob. Blackborne. I could not deliver Capt. Sanders' letter, as he had gone for Jersey. Two of the enemies' frigates chased 10 sail of merchantmen and others, and ran two on shore near here, one of which they fetched off again; the company of the other took away her sails and cut a hole in her side, so she was saved. They made after the rest of the fleet, and came up with them in our view, so we judge most were taken, or at least as many as they could man. I advised Col. Clerke to have some frigate lying off Portland, being the best place to do good upon these rogues; but those designed for this station are sent on other employment, so the enemy has opportunity of doing mischief meanwhile, and for the most part keeps the English coast where most purchase is to be had. I wish those ships designed for here had orders to rendezvous here, stand off for Alderney at night, and come into shore in the morning, and then they must meet with them.

P.S.—If our frigates kept the Narrow between Dover and Calais, they would redeem many a ship, as they are taken daily. [1 *page.*]

April 8. Truelove, Dartmouth. **36.** Capt. Jno. Parker to the Admiralty Commissioners. I set sail with the ship with the masts and oars, and 8 sail bound along the coast for Plymouth, but had to put back to Portland Roads, and am waiting a wind. While in Portland Roads, we saw a frigate standing in with the State's colours at 9 p.m., which we supposed to be the Boyer; and upon hailing whence she came, they replied Whitehall, and first that her captain's name was Staynard, then Nichols; but at last said, "You dog, my name is Swart," and commanded me to hoist out our boat. I answered his demand with a broadside, which he returned, but as it was small shot it only damaged our rigging; after bearing up and firing again, he put to sea, and sailing very well, we lost him in the darkness. The next morning we found two of the ships under our convoy had been taken by Swart's consort, a frigate of 12 guns. It is their own fault, for I told them to keep near me, my order being to keep to the fly-boat, which sails heavily.

P.M.—This is the third time I have fallen in with the enemies' men-of-war, but cannot catch any, as they are too swift, which causes me to regret not having a better sailer, that I might destroy some of them. [1 *page.*]

April 8. **37.** Reply of the merchants of the Intercourse, on an order of the Committee on their case of 3 April, to show their reasons for exemption from the late subsidies and assessments. They claim exemption from personal taxes only as a corporation in the city of London, such as is enjoyed by the merchant adventurers in the Netherlands. They ground their claim on treaties specified from 1495–1630; they quote the 5th article of the Instrument of Government, whereby the Protector declares his intention to keep a good correspondence with foreign princes, and beg that nothing may be concluded against them till they are fully heard, and have had warning to prepare their counsel and produce their vouchers. 1½ *sheets; damaged.*]

[April $\frac{8}{18}$.] Easter Tuesday, Alba Julia. [Weissenburg.] **38, 39.** Isaac Basire to the King. Since your royal father adopted me as his subject and servant, my allegiance has been so firm that to bind it needed not the addition of your gracious letter to my now master, the Prince of Transylvania; yet gratitude improves my sense of duty, which I hope to prove when the King of Kings restores you to your throne, which is my chiefest wish. The delivery of your letter was providentially seasonable at the very time when the nation's representatives were met at their diet, and it was noised that, by reason of a public act of mine some months since in the university before the Prince, against independency and presbytery (flown over hither from England), and for episcopacy, that crew was so incensed against me that they threatened to cite me before their national assembly, as now they do before their general synod, where by the better, though not the bigger part, I am chosen to preside. I trust the success with God, who still places me on the militant side.

The effect of your benign influence has been the constancy and improvement of the Prince's favour, but this increases my opposers' envy. I renew my homage and vows for your preservation and restitution, with increase proportionable to your royal magnaminity, yea, Christian long-suffering. Endorsed as received 29 Aug. [2 *pages.*]

Also folding note begging pardon for the presumption of the foregoing letter. [1 *page.*]

April 9. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on certificate by the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, in co. Wilts, on the petition of Wm. Spinage, minister of Poulshot,—that they have heard the parties and think [Wm.] Grove incapable of receiving the ⅕ of the rectory according to a former Ordinance of Parliament—that Spinage be discharged from any payments to Grove in lieu of the ⅕ of the rectory, the order of the late county Committee notwithstanding. Approved April 12. *Annexing,*

40. *Certificate alluded to, stating that Grove pleads his right to ⅕, being sequestered from Poulshot, and having no means of subsistence but a life interest in his wife's property; that Spinage proves that at the sequestration, Grove had neither wife nor child, and now has* 160*l. a year with his wife, and that there is no proof that Spinage has ever paid the ⅕. Marlborough,* 14 *Feb.* 1655–6. *With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to Council.* [1¼ *sheets.*]

40. I. *Certificate by Phil. Hunton, minister of Westbury, Wilts, that Spinage is a godly and painful minister, has a wife and* 6 *children, and cannot subsist if* 20*l. is taken from his living.* [½ *page.*]

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5. The petition of the poor Protestant strangers, inhabitants of Hatfield Chace, to be considered to-morrow.

6. In the order of April 2 for reducing the troops from 50 to 48, after the words "in each troop" these to be added, "to commence from Feb. 18, 1655–6 inclusive," and after "be applied" to be added "from that time" and "for the future" to be omitted.

9. Order that,—whereas by order of 11 May last, Gualter Adams was to pay Dr. Pordage 100*l.* a year in lieu of $\frac{1}{5}$ of the profits of Bradfield Rectory, co. Berks, but Adams has declined the presentation, and Lancelot Smith is appointed,—Smith pay Pordage the said 100*l.* a year.

10. Order that Rice Vaughan, Rich. Sydenham, and Thos. Evershed examine all the warrants by the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods, for payments to his creditors and servants, inspect the creditors whose sums are under 40*l.*, enquire who are original creditors and who assignees, and report who are the poorest, and that they meet to-morrow and report speedily. *Annexing,*

41. *Report as ordered, containing the following alphabetical lists:—*

41. I. *Original creditors, total* - - £4965 17 11

41. II. *Widows, executors, or assignees of creditors* - - - 4485 8 3

41. III. *The poorest creditors whose debts are under* 40*l.* - - 822 12 4

[*Book of* 44 *written and* 12 *blank pages.*]

41. IV. *Paper of calculations thereon.* [1 *page.*]

41. V. *Report of creditors, &c., who have had nothing paid, viz.,* 12 *who are very poor,* 9 *not so poor, and* 3 *that ought to have been in the first list if delivered in time, Sum of the debts,* 313*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* 14 *Dec.* 1657. [2 *pages.*]

11. Col. Wm. Lockhart, who is to go into France as his Highness's resident, to be furnished with bills of exchange for his charges, amounting to 4 months' pay at the rate of 120*l.* a month.

13. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost. 2,000*l.* on account for Council's contingencies.

14, 15. Order—on the Admiralty Commissioners' report according to Council's reference of April 4—to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay to the Navy Treasurer such sums as arise by Customs or Excise, and not divert them for anything else whatsoever, to be towards defraying the debts, and charges of naval affairs, and for relief of sick and wounded sailors and soldiers; but the warrant to be so drawn as that the Treasury Commissioners may not be disabled from paying the moneys already assigned on the Exchequer.

16. In order that the customs and excise money payable into the Exchequer may more readily be handed over to the said uses, the Treasury Commissioners are not to demand or receive in specie any moneys so arising, but the Customs and Excise Commissioners are to pay them weekly to the Navy Treasurer, the account of them to be made nevertheless according to Exchequer regulations. Approved 26 April.

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17. The Treasury and Admiralty Commissioners to consider how the matter of the 3rd and 4th heads of the report from the Admiralty Commissioners of 8 April, concerning payment of customs and excise money for naval affairs, and sick and wounded, may best be settled.

18. The Admiralty Commissioners to issue their warrant to the Navy Treasurer to pay to Lord Lambert 2,500*l.* due to him for money lent to the Commonwealth. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 30–3.]

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Paris. **42.** G. George to Williamson. I hope you have received the 2 baldrics. [1 *page; French.*]

April 10. **43.** Petition of Barth. Fowke, Hamburgher, master's mate, and Thos. Gale, gunner of the Two Brothers of London, to Council, for restoration of 5 pipes of wine seized on the ship in the Thames by their warrant to the Customs' Commissioners as belonging to Spaniards, whereas 4 of them belong to Fowke, and 1 to Thos. Gale, Englishman, the ship's gunner. [1 *page.*]

April 10. Order that whereas—on information that several pipes of sack were sent to Don Anthonio Robles, Spaniard in London, from the Canaries in the Two Brothers—a warrant was issued to secure the ship and lading—on petition of Barth. Fowke and Thos. Gale, the Customs' Commissioners are to allow the said 5 pipes of wine and all other goods on the ship not consigned to Robles to be unladen by the owners. [*I.* 77, *p.* 38.]

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3. Order, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on an order of Council of April 2, about their proceedings with the powder makers, certifying that their conditions and actions are very different, that the Admiralty Commissioners return to Council the names of those they think most guilty, and wherein their conditions and actions differ, that Council may take further order therein.

5. The High Sheriff of co. Devon to release from Exeter prison the wife of Capt. Beach, on her engagement that she will procure the liberty of Capt. Sidrach Blake, a prisoner to Capt. Beach in St. Sebastian's castle. Approved 12.

6, 7. Alteration by the Protector of the order of 3 April for the children of Col. Mainwaring, which was passed. [*See p.* 250, *supra.*]

8. Order, on report from the Commissioners to whom the discovery of Rachel Bisson was referred [*see* 5 *Feb.* 1656], that in case the person nominated by her discover his estate as value 4,000*l.*, and pay in 1,000*l.*, she shall have a warrant for 500*l.* thereof, and the person paying in the 1,000*l.* shall have a discharge. *Annexing,*

44. *Report on which the above order is founded.* [1½ *pages.*]

9. The petition of the clothiers, weavers, worsted combers, fullers, and clothworkers of Taunton and other places in co. Somerset, employed in the mystery and manufacture of stuffs called Taunton

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serges, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to the Trade Committee, to report.

10. The report on the petition of Fras. Smith [*see* 2 *April* 1656], referred back to the same Committee, to make a more particular report, with their opinion. Approved 12 April. *Annexing,*

45. *Report alluded to, that the wife of Thos. Fisher (he being now in Jamaica) insists on the payment by Smith of the 300l., and that Fisher was in the ships that revolted from Parliament. Signed by Sydenham and Jones.* [¾ *page.*]

11. The petition of Ed. Bigg, merchant of London, for protection for 25 men of the Alapine, bound for the Straits, from being impressed or otherwise hindered, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to grant if they see no cause to the contrary.

12. Like reference on that of John Baker, merchant, for a protection for 40 men belonging to the Bachelor, bound to Smyrna.

13. The petition of Rich. Tomlyns, Baron of the Exchequer, to be read first to-morrow morning.

14. The following augmentations proposed by the Committee for Maintenance of Ministers approved, and ordered to be paid.

		£	*s.*	*d.*
		per annum.		
Hatfeild Bradock	Essex	50	0	0
Lecturer of Dedham	,,	30	0	0
Leeds	Kent	20	0	0
Stanes	Middlesex	20	0	0
South Repps	Norfolk	30	0	0
Mortlake	Surrey	20	0	0
Farnham	Sussex	24	0	0
Crondal	Hants	20	0	0
Canterbury Cathedral	Kent	150	0	0
Wraisbury	Bucks	15	0	0
Ellell	Lancaster	40	0	0
Overton	,,	22	0	0
Middleton, Kirby Lonsdale parish	Westmorland	32	0	0
Kirby Lonsdale	,,	35	0	0
Hutton, Kirby Lonsdale parish, Kendall	,,	31	6	8

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15. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to consider an additional augmentation of 40*l.* a year out of the 50*l.* reduced from the augmentation formerly granted to Mr. Taylor of Canterbury, to be given to Mr. Chaning, minister of Leeds, co. Kent.

16. To recommend to the same a further augmentation to the minister of Kirby Lonsdale of 8*l.* out of Bolton, and 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* out of Cawbry, not yet being disposed of. Approved April 26.

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17. The petition of Step. Thompson of Hambleton, and Rich. Thompson of Kilham, co. York, for exemption from the extraordinary tax, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners of co. York, to act therein as they jndge meet.

19. The 2 companies that lay at Syon College and Goring House being ordered to James's House, Mr. Embree is to fit rooms there for them.

24. Order, on a paper from Serj. Dendy touching a duel intended this evening between Sir John Chichester and Mr. Seymour, for a warrant to the said serjeant to take them into custody and bring them to answer before Council. With the warrant accordingly. [*I.* 112, *p.* 294.]

26. The quorum in the reference in Hen. Morris's petition, passed the 3rd instant to be 2, and the form of order to be so amended.

27. Council to adjourn till next Tuesday morning.

28. The letter prepared according to Council's order of 2 April to the Council in Scotland, about assessments there, presented and passed with some small alterations. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 34–40.]

April 10. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the following gentlemen—

John Middleton, of Darlington.
Ant. Smith, of Durham.
Ald. Lee.
„ Henry Rowell.
Mr. John Toplyn, of Durham.
Capt. Thos. Lilburne.
Ald. Johnson, of Newcastle.
Mr. Hammond, Do.
„ Rymer.
Ald. Dickenson [of York].
Capt. Thos. Harrison.
Major Smithson.
Col. Lascelles.
Luke Robinson.

His Highness and Council have determined, on the petition of the sheriffs, justices, grand jury, and gentlemen of co. Durham, to found there a new college for the advancement of learning and piety, and the training up of youth, and as a foundation, have made some provision towards building and maintaining the same. Considering the advantage to the gentry round of its speedy erection, and hearing that many of quality in that and the adjacent counties are willing to contribute thereunto, they empower you to receive the free subscriptions, and return them to Council, who desire the work to be carried on so as to be most advantageous to the northern counties. Approved 12 April. [*I.* 76, *p.* 594; *I.* 77, *p.* 42.]

April 11. Council. Day's Proceedings (in his Highness's lodgings).

5. The troops of the new militia forces, consisting of 100 private soldiers in a troop, to be reduced to 80, and the Majors-General are to see it done in their several associations. Approved in person.

6. An establishment of all the new militia forces, prepared by the Committee to which it was referred, and presented to his Highness and Council, approved with the preceding emendation, and to be transmitted to the Army Committee. Approved in person.

7. Orders to be prepared to authorise the Army Committee to send to the Majors-General for particulars touching the money

taxed on delinquents in their several counties, and to issue warrants for paying the same to the militia forces, according to the establishment. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 41.]

April 11. Establishment made by the Protector and Council for the militia forces in England and Wales, commencing from 24 June next, giving the names of the officers in each county, divided into the 11 districts appointed to the respective Majors-General, and their yearly salaries; total cost 80,067*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* a year. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 861–880.]

April $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. **46.** T. Ross to Nicholas. On my return from *Calais*, I met *my wife*, sent hither by *Pile* and his friends. Yours of the 4th was the more welcome that you think *the King* will finish *his* suit to *his* content, which I have seen confirmed from the place where *he* is. *Armorer* is now there, and accompanied me to *Calais*, whence he went by post to *the King*. I referred to him the relation of what *my wife* had to say, because I did not think he would find *the King* where he is and was unwilling to commit anything to paper. *Armorer* was resolved on his journey before I knew of mine, but I was glad to send by him, as *Pile* wished the business to be transmitted with expedition, and I had scarce money to carry me to *Calais*; but nothing committed by me or *Hopton* to him is to pass through any other hands than *yours*. If he break his oath he will forfeit his honour, and the business will not be accepted from other hands than *yours*. *Hopton* only waits his return to go where he is much desired.

I have sent to *the King* our friends' desire, that he may be fully instructed in his business, that is, towards *Sir John Grenville*. His business about removing *Cromwell* was one great motive to *Armorer's* journey, and if the hoped for return be made, it will be effected. *Hopton* is resolved and is ordered by his friends to deal with none but yourself, or immediately with *the King*. I know that *Armorer* is in frequent commerce with *Sir Edw. Hyde*, but he said it was *the King's* command, or he would not have relinquished you, to whom he is bound by great obligation and affection; but I will so watch him that he cannot divert our trade from its channel. *I* hear from *my* wife that at *Bristol* there were ready 3,000 *men* which should, on *the King's* command, be employed to purchase a manor near *Chepstow Castle*, well furnished with necessaries, but our friends will not settle there, but rather be nearer to *Gloucester*, where we have 1,000 men, and doubt not in case *the King* cannot join, to make good the *suit*. They want 1 or 2 good attorneys like *Hopton* entertained. At *my* arrival here on Saturday, I found an important letter of *Pile*, and being troubled, went and showed it to *the Duke of York*, whose elder brother it concerned. I wrote to my friend to explain it, viz., who was *Lambert's* confidant, &c.

I have sent by *my wife* both to *Sir F. Vincent* and *Hungerford*, and shall do the same by *Hopton*. I hope I have taken such order that in future *you* will not lack *intelligence*.

I cannot tell what to say as to your writing that Lambert is the darling of the army. It is true that he is the only active person in England, and the man used by the Protector formerly to cajole the army, so that I hear that the army are not well pleased with him. When ambassador Lockhart arrives, I will enquire as you desire.

P.S.—I hear *the Duke of York* is, as you say, much courted to remain where he is. Add to your cypher Uxbridge for Chepstow Castle. Endorsed as received $\frac{20}{30}$ April. [2 *pages. Italics are cyphers partly decyphered.*]

April 12. Weymouth. **47.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Col. Clarke. I desired Mr. Blackborne to inform the Admiralty Commissioners what mischief the enemies' frigates did last week upon the coast. Yesterday, while Capt. Baker, of the Hopewell pink was convoying some 8 sail, mostly with linen, from St. Malo to Weymouth, a frigate of 22 guns came up, exchanged broadsides with him, and took one of his convoys, commanded by Mr. Beare, having goods worth 12,000*l.* Beare made no resistance, but the taking of that ship enabled Capt. Baker to get away, after having a man killed and his purser wounded. I always had doubts of the fitness of the Hopewell pink for a man-of-war; she being old and rotten; will be a constant charge, and of little service. Had the enemy boarded her she must have been taken. Weymouth is infested with these rogues more than any other place, and they do mischief daily without any check; the frigates appointed as a guard are absent on other service. If the wind is westerly, they send their prizes to Dunkirk and Ostend, and if easterly, to St. Sebastian's. There are several Weymouth ships waiting to put to sea, but cannot do so, as there are some 16 of these pirates laying off Belle Isle, and so little safety for the merchants and others. I will supply Capt. Baker with 14 days' provisions without order. Please to acquaint Capt. Alderne so that it be allowed on account. I should have a general order to supply ships on the coast in cases of emergency. [1 *page.*]

April 12. Yarmouth. **48.** Capt. Danl. Baker to the Admiralty Commissioners. While off Portland I chased an Ostender for some hours, and fired at her, but she escaped in the darkness. I was forced into St. Malo by the weather, and being much importuned by some merchants and masters of English vessels to give them convoy, and considering that my instructions were to protect English ships in their trading, I consented, and came from thence with 8 sail, dropped 4 bound for Ireland, Looe, and Apsham on the way, and made for Weymouth with the remainder. When off the Berry, we met another Ostender, whereupon 3 of my convoys stood in for the shore, but the 4th—being a Mr. Beare of London, and a ship of great value, and having 6 guns—stood along the Channel, and instead of fighting, very unworthily, though I was within ½ a mile of him, hauled his foresail upon the mast, and stayed for the Ostender, who took him without firing a shot. I attempted a rescue, losing one man and having another wounded, but was compelled to desist through the violence of the storm, and not being able to use my guns or follow her up. I regret such a bad business, but hope you will believe I did my best. I will convoy the vessels at Weymouth bound for the Downs as ordered. [1¾ *pages.*]

April 13. **49.** Complaint to the magistrates and others concerned of disturbance, not only daily, but on the Sabbath, by the profane and blasphemous oaths of Eliz. Ingram, 12 months' servant to Nicolis Fisher, at the Salutation, East Tower Hill, the avoiding of which they hope for in future. Endorsed Jo Sammen. [¾ *page.*]

April 14. Swansea. **50.** Col. Rowland Dawkins to the Protector. The work in South Wales is forward, though we cannot yet give a full account. The Commissioners send a list of those whom they judge fit to be sent beyond sea, with their reasons. We have gone over the work of decimation, and shall soon send our proceedings. We will prosecute the other heads of our instructions as we have time.

The effects of our work are very observable; our enemies are much terrified, our friends encouraged, peace secured, and wickedness suppressed. Though the dealing is severe, the people of this country think it necessary and just. Indulgence has but hardened them in their malignity, and but for our proceedings, the good interest had been overtopped by the royal and worldly. We are satisfied that we have God's mind in these proceedings, and now the people bless God for their enjoyments through you. [1⅔ *pages.*]

April 14. Tamworth. **51.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. You write that you do as much as you are able, but if speedy course is not taken, we shall be a prey to the enemy, for all the vessels they take they fit out as men-of-war, and they have now 70 out, and not one English frigate in the Roads, since you ordered me to send one to Rotterdam; 50 sail came over last week from the Maas, with two Dutch men-of-war, but those laden with goods would not trust themselves with the Dutch convoy, and there are 20 sail yet to come, and two at Yarmouth, richly laden with stuffs and stockings, ready to go thither. Thanks for your order sent to Weymouth, but the Hopewell pink had already gone to St. Malo, so my vessel lay there still; but if you send to Portsmouth there are always some ships about the Wight.

If the State wants money to carry on the works, and 60,000*l.* a month will not do, 120,000*l.* must. The Hollanders say that the English are asleep, and that nearly 70 English sail lie there without convoy. I hope this will be well taken. [1 *page.*]

April 14. Plymouth. **52.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave you an account of the prize taken by the Constant Warwick, as also the one called the Raven, that you might see how the seamen plundered them. I have dealt very plainly with the captains that took them, but they say they cannot remedy it, as if they take a man-of-war that fights them, the sailors are so violent that they will scarcely leave a thing that is portable; and that they are the more unruly because the promised gunnage and tonnage has not been paid them. There is also a fault in boats going off from hence when a prize is taken. I have ordered the captain to throw shots into them to sink them as also the lieutenant of the

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fort to send out his boat to take the other boats, make the men prisoners, and frighten them, if not worse. I do hope from henceforth there will be a reformation of this great abuse, as since Beach was taken, I have never seen vessels so handled as the last 3 or 4 prizes were. I beg an order to Jas. Blackborne, check in the prize office at Plymouth, to go on board every prize as soon as she is brought into the Roads, and take an inventory, with one of the Sub-Commissioners of Prizes. [1 *page.*]

April 14. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Since our last of 24 Dec. we have received yours of 25 Oct. by your son, who is safely arrived with the Merchant's Delight. We are glad not only that the action at Tunis has been so well salved up, but that you give us such confident assurance of security for the future, and we trust your endeavours to prevent such hazards as that and the frequent changes of Government may occasion. Lose not the opportunity of the friendship you have contracted with the new Vizier, as well as the Muftie, by whose means you have already obtained some favours and acts of justice at a charge which is agreeable to us, and will be settled when the Treasury accounts come.

We much wish you may be able to procure the release of Geo. Davis, now returned thither with the Capt. Bassa; also of Thos. Gallilee, or any other poor Christians.

The goods brought in the Mayflower, which omitted payment of impositions, have now given satisfaction; thanks for your past care; we desire a continuance as to the enjoyment of our duties on the ships bound for Smyrna and the Porte, whereof our husband will tender a particular account for guidance of the treasurer in collecting the same on the goods entered here, and those which escaped payment.

We have reviewed and settled the rates of consulage, as also of tonnage and freight, whereof a list shall be sent you. Since our debts are totally extinguished there, to our abundant content, it behoves us to acquit ourselves speedily of those lying on us here at home, to which end we have resolved on a consulage extraordinary, to be taken on all goods out and in at all places in Turkey, to go upon credit of those to whom money is owing in the Company's books, at the rate of 5s. the dollar, and to be paid down by the rest, which we pray you to have collected with the other duties.

P.S.—John Abney, our late treasurer, complains of an arrear of 1,728 dollars owing him on his late account, beside 244 spent for interest on moneys taken up for us, and notwithstanding our order to Smyrna, only 344 dollars are paid. We beg that the rest may be made good to him. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 264–5.]

April 14. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton. We have not written to you since 17 Sept.; yours of 8 Aug., 22 Oct., and 17 Nov. are to hand, and your treasurer's account; we are glad you are satisfied with the gratuities ordered you, and have quitted your pretences to allowance for house rent and minister's diet; we hope when your accounts are perused they will be so moderate as to content us, notwithstanding incidental charges, such as the ill custom begun by Morat Bassa, of visiting that port with his galleys, of which, if we may not be wholly eased, we desire to undergo it at as easy charge as possible.

We note your appointment of a successor to Jeffery Keble as chancellor, with the advantages you expect from the change; you may make trial of him.

Your trouble in receiving our dues, through the course taken of entering goods in one name and giving bills of lading in another, we will reform, and shall oblige the pursers of ships to deliver us manifests of their lading on their departure hence. Meanwhile, see punctual satisfaction of the bonds there given for 2¼ dollars per cloth, unless those concerned produce certificates from our husband that they have cleared here.

We are not content with your account of the lading of the Mary Rose, on which we gave so express order for and you so resolute a promise of the broke, and yet you comply rather with the private desire of those offenders than our order, which how late soever made, is now no novelty; this want of execution is the principal means of encouraging persons to unjust dealings in defrauding us, and of their mean esteem of our power, which is really sufficient to bear you out in executing our orders. Therefore suffer us not to be injured either by slighting your own and our power, or by the loss of consulage and brokes, whether on goods or money brought thither, wherein we are greatly wronged, to the continuance of our debts. We insist on this in respect of the large quantities of cloth laden on the Prosperous and Batchelor, bound for that port, beside another for Constantinople, of which you will receive a particular from our husband, to guide you in the collection of duties on those fairly entered here, and on the rest which escaped payment, on all of which you are to receive our consulage extraordinary in lieu of the leviation. Our debts being cleared, we would have this invested in silks or some good commodities, and sent hither for lessening our debts at home, but the extraordinary consulage is to be laid down only by such as are not creditors to the company; those that are must be charged with the value thereof hither to be placed to their accounts, and a list shall be sent you of who are and who are not creditors. We also send you a list of the rates of consulage, tonnage, and freight, as newly settled, which you are to observe.

We desire you to satisfy the arrears due to John Abney on his account as treasurer at Constantinople, which we hear is not cleared yet.

We take exception against these particulars in your account, viz., 146 and 173 dollars expended at meetings in 5 Nov., and at the publishing of peace with the Dutch. As we have expressly forbidden the charge of feasting to be put to our account, we have disallowed them, as also 150 dollars on account for house rent. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 266–8.]

April 14. London. Levant Company to Ant. Nicholets and Sam. Tolly, treasurers, and the factory at Smyrna. Not having understood the receipt of our former letter, we send you the duplicate. We approve your

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employment as treasurers, and desire your care in collection of duties on board the several ships laden for Smyrna. A particular of the duties entered and paid has been transmitted to the consul, that 2¼ dollars per cloth may be better levied on the rest. We also send you the new rates of ordinary consulage, and of tonnage and freight to be used in future.

To clear off our debts, we have ordered an extraordinary consulage on all goods, both in and out, to go on the credit of the company's creditors and to be paid down by the rest.

We also desire your notice of certain exceptions to the last account, *viz.*, 150 dollars for the consul's half house rent to Aug. 1654; 146 dollars spent at the publication of peace with the Dutch, and 173 spent on Nov. 5; all are disallowed by a court on a former resolution against such frivolous expenses, which we desire you to put an end to. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 268–9.]

April 15. **53.** Petition of Rob. Bradshaw, of Orton on the Hill, to the Protector. Never assisted the late King or his son in their wars against Parliament; was sequestered on a groundless information in 1646, but discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations. Being lately summoned to Leicester by the Major-General of the county, was forced, through fear of sequestration, to pay $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate. Begs an order for repayment, or reference of the case to some one in London. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

53. I. *Copy of the order for his discharge by the Committee for Sequestrations.* 24 *Dec.* 1647. [¾ *page.*]

[April 15.] **54.** Statement of the case of Eliz. Salmon's children's claim to lands, &c. in Chatham.

John Dulling devised by will, 26 Oct. 1638, Westcourt manor in Gillingham and Chatham, Kent, purchased of Sir Rich. Leveson to Eliz. Salmon, his daughter, and by several mortgages it passed for 1,650*l.* to Geo. Bowers, since whose death, his son and heir George has held the estate, but having committed high treason with John Gerard and others, is fled. Eliz. Salmon, now dead, conveyed her interest therein to her children, John, Bonner, Dulling, and Eliz. Salmon, all of age, and they offer to sell it reasonably to his Highness for the State, the manor and lands lying near Chatham dock. With order thereon by the Protector that the Treasury Commissioners inquire into the title, and contract with the parties for the transfer of the premises. 17 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

[April 15.] **55.** Report by the said Commissioners that no contract should be made therefor, because: (1.) By the Ordinance none are to be prosecuted for high treason except during the year, and Bowers is not yet prosecuted.

(2.) Before his treason, he conveyed the premises to his mother, Anne Bowers, for 1,000 years. If the title could be proved, the premises would be useful for the navy. There are presumptions that — Wiseman, a witness to the deed, was privy to the late rebellion in the West, but being never convicted of perjury, a jury would admit his testimony. 27 March 1656. [1½ *pages.*]

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April 15. Order thereon in Council that the Major-General and Commissioners for the peace in Kent find out the estate of Geo. Bowers there, and proceed according to their instructions.

Also that they treat with the children of Eliz. Salmon concerning a price for their right in the lands, and report.

Also that the Major-General and Commissioners for London discover the estate in London of Geo. Bowers, who is concerned in the treason with John Gerard, lately executed, and who fled on the discovery, and proceed according to order. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 42–3.] *Annexing,*

56, 56. I. *Treasury Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners. Council having referred it to us to treat with the children of Eliz. Salmon for their interest in lands in Gillingham, near Chatham, which are useful for the navy, we beg you to employ judicious persons to survey them, and transmit the return to us that we may contract for them. Westminster,* 29 *April* 1656. [1 *page,* 2 *copies.*]

56. II. *Survey by Rich. Burley of the said lands in Gillingham in* 1654, 313 *acres, let at* 143*l.* 7*s.* 0½*d., besides the interest in Chatham dock and land and buildings thereon.* [2 *copies.*]

56. III. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send a copy of a letter of the Lords of the Treasury directing us to employ a fit person or persons to survey and value some lands and tenements in or near Gillingham, in the county of Kent, in which the children of Eliz. Salmon claim some interest, and as it is a business of some importance, we desire your order therein.* 2 *June* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

[April 15.] **57.** Petition of the French and Dutch Protestant strangers in or near Hatfield Chace level, in cos. York, Lincoln, and Notts, to the Protector. Being unable to exercise our religion at home, we fled here, and had a church erected at Sandtoft, where we worshipped 20 years; but the inhabitants of the Isle of Axholme have barbarously destroyed our corn, houses, and mills, exposing us to cold and famine; they then took out the doors, windows, seats, and pulpit from our church, but finding we still frequented it, they made it a slaughter house and buried carrion in it. We still meeting there, they came with Dan. Nodell, their solicitor, and drove us away by force.

On an order from the Council of State and writ of assistance from the Exchequer, for possession of part of the controverted lands to the participants of the improvements, Nath. Reading, a participant, ordered the cleansing and repairing of the church. On 21 Jan. last, Nodell and the rest came and threatened to pull the church down, and sell the stone and timber. We proved this before a Committee of the Long Parliament, but the order for the trial of the rioters not being executed, we are impoverished by long attendance, and they have been animated to these latter villanies.

We beg renewal of an order to free us from their violence, and provision for our former sufferings and future safety, having fled

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hither for protection from persecution. 54 signatures, 3 being by mark. With reference to Council, signed by the Protector. 18 March 1655–6. [2 *sheets.*]

April 15. Reference thereon by Council to Fiennes, Lambert, Desborow, Lisle, and Strickland, to report, and order for a letter to Maj.-Gen. Whalley to enquire into the case and certify, and meantime to keep the peace and see that the petitioners have liberty for the exercise of their worship undisturbed. With letter as ordered. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 44, 840.]

April 15? **58.** Petition of Josias Dewy to the Committee of his Highness's Council about gunpowder. Holds Chilworth powder mills, which having certainty of water, can work in a draught, when other mills are stopped. Supplied 150 barrels weekly during the Dutch war, and sent 1,800 to Portsmouth, but has not sent any to the Tower for nearly 2 years. All that he has made new has been Tower proof, and some of it has gone to sea 3 times and proved good; but if the old powder repaired by him does not hold, he cannot help it. Unless he has work given to keep his mills going, must demolish them, which would be a great loss to the State. Bad powder can only be mended by drawing the petre from it; if sold again here, the merchant men might buy it, which would be a great loss to them and the nation. [¾ *page.*]

April 15? **59.** Petition of John Freeman to the Committee of Council for powder. Has been a powder maker 4 years, and been at great charge in building mills, stores, &c., for which he was promised some satisfaction, but has received none. During the war with Holland, supplied good powder. Has 2,500*l.* due for powder supplied since Feb. 1654–55, and will be undone unless speedily paid. His new powder was as good as possible, but the old and Hamburg powder could not be made so good unless the petre had been drawn off, and then it would have cost 40*s.* to repair a barrel, whereas he only received 17*s.*; but the Committee forced the Hamburg powder on him, and would not pass his debenture unless he would take it to mend. The powder now reproved is tried with a high proof, though made long since and is serviceable, though not Tower proof. Begs payment, and dismissal from further attendance. [1 *page.*]

April 15? **60.** Petition of John Freeman to the Admiralty Commissioners. Has never dealt unfaithfully with the State, and could not have maintained his family had he not another trade by sea as a merchant. Has been a powder maker 4 years, but gained nothing thereby, the mills being 6 times blown up, so he and his partners have had to borrow 1,200*l.* at interest, and cannot go on unless paid. Always double refined their powder, and ordered the master workman to make it good, never stinting him. Made 28½ barrels of a ton of double or treble refined petre. Protested against the Hamburg powder, knowing it was made of bad materials, and could not be made good, and the master gunner said it would be better cast into the Thames, for the stores would not be clear of it for 20 years. All the mischief has been through this powder, and some wetted with salt water. Also to the effect of part of the preceding. Begs not to be obliged to mend the powder for nothing, nor to have a divident made upon him for what was formerly spent. [2 *pages.*]

April 15? **61.** Petition of Rob. Davis, Thos. Carter, Chris. Eyless, and John Knapp to the Committee of Council on the business of gunpowder. In 1653, when the State had great need of gunpowder, they spent large sums in making it; three of them being ignorant of the art of making it, contracted with the other, Rob. Davis, on better terms than he had from others, and he made new powder and repaired the old, at far greater rates than now, for several years together, he having all materials allowed. Davis has done his best without fraud to make the powder, and to remake what was found not Tower proof. What has lately been found defective is what they got from Hamburg; what they have made new they warrant to last 2 years. They have supplied none since 1653, except a little in 1654, which is good; so far from defrauding the State, they have been great losers in what they have undertaken. Beg not to be altogether discouraged from service. [1 *page.*]

April 15? **62.** Petition of Wm. Molins, Rob. Davis, Abel Richardson, and Thos. Carter to the Admiralty Commissioners. Some of the powder delivered in by them has continued good since 1653 and 1654, but will not now bear the same strength of proof as when first delivered, and yet they are required to change it for as much new powder. Disbursed large sums in erecting mills when the State stood in much need of powder, and had 2,000 barrels of Hamburg and some decayed powder delivered them, which they could not make as good as new, and this they believe to be the powder that proves defective; they declared beforehand, as did the ordnance officers, that it would not last. Think they should only make good as many barrels as are in excess of the Hamburg and other decayed powder. [1 *page.*]

April 15? **63.** Petition of Wm. Molins and Abel Richardson to the Committee for powder. Having a commission to make English saltpetre, and having contracted to make it into powder at 30 barrels the ton, we entered into partnership with John Jarvis, of Casholton Mills, to make it, having then no skill therein, and supposed the undertaking was fully provided for. But on second proof, a defect appears in the powder delivered. We always offered to exchange any saltpetre against which the workmen objected, and to bear our part of the waste of double refining. Jarvis provided the other ingredients, and the work was managed by him, Lewis Fassam, and John Pepper, who now beg to acquit themselves by pretending they were forced into an engagement to which they consented willingly. We offer to repair our proportion of defective powder, saving our remedy at law against Jarvis, and beg a favourable construction of complaints against us by those who wish to free themselves. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Deposition of John Pepper, chief powdermaker to Wm. Molins, before John Clarke, that Molins and Richardson*

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would have 30 barrels of powder or more made from a ton of saltpetre, which was not double refined, and though it might bear the Tower proof at first, it would not last. That they new wrought the Hamburg and old powder, &c. 16 *Jan.* 1656–7. [2 *pages.*]

April 15. Order in Council, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners according to an order of 10 April of the several conditions and actings of the powder makers, that the former Committee on the business consider the report, and send for Dan. Judd and Wm. Molins, who are represented to be most guilty, acquaint them with the order of Council made in the case, receive their answers, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 44.] *Annexing,*

64. *Report alluded to on the several powder makers. Josias Dewy; his powder generally good, of* 805 *barrels delivered by him, which were tried, only* 141 *were defective.*

John Samyne, the same; 1,132 *barrels tried,* 536 *defective. The State owes him large sums, for want of which he has suffered much, and he has repaired a great quantity of powder.*

John Freeman; 586 *barrels tried, defective* 263.

Thos. Carter and partners; of 385 *tried,* 232 *defective. Some of them plead ignorance, and transfer the fault to Davis, the partner who managed the work.*

Dan. Judd is one of the most guilty; of 261 *barrels tried* 139 *were defective.*

Wm. Molins and partners willingly exposed the State to hazard by making the powder of bad materials; of 384 *tried,* 293 *were defective.*

Mr. Wich had 209 *tried, of which* 120 *were defective.* [1 *page.*]

64. I. *Table of the barrels proved, found bad, delivered in all, proportion likely to prove defective, and proportion repaired, delivered in by the above makers.* [⅔ *page.*]

April 15. **65.** Petition of Fred. Vaughan, of Edmundsham, Dorset, clerk, to the Protector, for an order to the Commissioners for the county to exempt him from the tax imposed on divers persons in the county for the better securing the peace of the Commonwealth. Never acted against the Parliament or his Highness, being blind from his birth, and was never out of his house in the time of the wars. Is 60 years old; has paid his first payment both in Dorset and in other places. [⅔ *page.*]

April 15. Order thereon in Council that the said Commissioners certify the grounds of their charging his estate with $\frac{1}{10}$ part. [*I.* 77, *p.* 47.] [½ *page.*]

April 15. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on a report from the Customs' Commissioners, that the accounts are made up and delivered to the late Commissioners—that the said Commissioners deliver them to the auditor in a week, attend their perfecting, and pay in the balance. *Annexing,*

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66. *Report by the Customs' Commissioners to the purport of the said Order.* [1 *page.*]

66. I. *Accounts of Col. Edm. Harvy, Ald. Rob. Tichborne, and Mark Hildesley,* [*late*] *Commissioners of Customs:—*

	£	s.	d.
Receipts from 24 *June* 1654 *to* 29 *Sept.* 1655 - - - -	500,252	6	4¼
Surcharge by the auditor of imprest at Milford. - - - -	1	10	0
	500,253	16	4¼

Payments:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance of former account - -	524	15	7
Their salaries at 4*d. a pound* -	8,337	10	9
Incident charges in the Port of London and outports - -	44,839	3	1
Half subsidy - - -	17,731	7	3¼
Paid into the Treasury - -	296,648	3	2¾
Paid the several judges - -	83,399	10	4½
Balance in hand 29 *Sept.* 1655 -	48,773	6	0¾
	500,253	16	4¼

With note of sums due to them from collectors, amounting to 48,945*l.* 2*s.* 7¼*d., and of sums due by them to collectors, which, with the balance in hand, amount to the said sum.* 12 *April* 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

2. Gen. Desborow and Col. Jones to acquaint the late Commissioners with the preceding Order.

3. The President to acquaint his Highness with the report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that according to an order of Feb. 23, 4 ships are so prepared as to be ready to receive their crews and provisions, and to desire his pleasure herein.

7. Approval of the following yearly augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers:—

	£	s.	d.
To the minister of Lawrence in Thanet, Kent -	30	0	0
„ „ Portsmouth, Hants - -	31	0	0
„ „ Harrow, Middlesex - -	10	0	0
„ „ Pagham, Sussex - -	16	0	0
„ „ Takeley, Essex - -	11	0	0
„ „ Patcham, Sussex - -	40	0	0
„ „ Brixton, Devonshire - -	10	0	0
„ „ Coventry, Warwick - -	50	0	0

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8. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers an augmentation of 60*l.* to Nath. Brewster, minister of Alby, co. Norfolk, his living being too small to afford him subsistence.

11. The petition of Don Antonio Rodrigues Robles, referred by his Highness to Council, to be considered to-morrow.

12, 13. Order—on report from the Commissioners of Customs about the ship Tobias [*see* 27 *March* 1656]—that they discharge the ship and all the goods, except those belonging to Don Antonio Robles, if it appear that they belong not to any other Spaniard. *Annexing,*

67. *Report alluded to.* 1 *April* 1656. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

67. I. *Bill of lading of the goods on the said ship.* [1 *page.*]

67. II. *Examinations taken by the Commissioners of Customs, proving that the rest of the goods belong to English merchants.* 31 *March* 1656. [3½ *pages.*]

17. The settlement of the militia to be considered to-morrow morning.

18. The Customs' Commissioners to allow those delinquents to go beyond seas who have given security to their respective Majors-General not to return without licence, and who obtain a pass under the hand of a Major-General and two Commissioners, and to give directions to the officers in their several ports accordingly. Approved 26 April.

19. The petition of Thos. Ringrose, of Sherburne, co. York, referred to the Committee for Petitions, to report.

20. Order on report from the Scotch Committee on a letter from the Council in Scotland of Feb. 21 1655–6, concerning the differences between debtors and creditors in Scotland, on consideration whereof it appears the laws of Scotland are very rigorous against debtors, and if so left, will ruin many and their families, especially since the lack of money occasioned by the late war;—that creditors may not be dissatisfied, wanting their money, the annexed expedient for securing the peace of the nation was read, approved, and agreed to.

21. Order for the relief of debtors willing to satisfy their just debts, and for moderating the rigour of comprisings, and the severity of proceedings by creditors against debtors in Scotland:—

> That every debtor of Scotland—giving in a list of his just debts to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice, and swearing his inability to pay in money or personal estate, and declaring that he has lands or other real estate, which he is willing to have set out in compensation to his creditors, and valued by indifferent persons appointed by the Commissioners;—if he swear that they are sufficient to satisfy the debt, principal, interest, and charges, it shall be allowed, and he shall convey the lands to the creditors according to priority.
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> In such cases, and to such persons (principals as well as cautioners), the Commissioners are empowered to grant suspensions for a convenient time, not more than a year after date thereof, and to do all necessary to put the premises into

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execution, providing that the debtors, &c., do it at their own expense, and that the lands, &c., so conveyed be completely settled within a year from the suspension; otherwise the benefits claimed will be null, unless the Commissioners find the delay has not been caused by the debtors:

Provided that these presents shall not have force to stay the executions of the creditors against the personal or moveable estate of debtors, wheresoever it can be found, before the settlement of the lands, tithes, or other real estate, nor hinder any whose principal debts amount to not more than 1,000 marks Scotch money from liberty to proceed in execution against the debtors or their estates, or at their own choosing to have the benefit of these presents, and come in with other creditors:

Provided that where the lands, &c., of debtors are insufficient to pay the creditors, they be equally divided *pro rata portionis* between all the creditors, allowing only to such as have the prior diligence their proportions respectively, and their charges in obtaining the said diligences, excepting all comprisings whereof the legals have already expired; also all comprisings deduced before May 1, 1652, and all final transactions, &c., thereon:

Provided that debtors' lands, &c., nearest the creditor's dwelling, and lying nearest the Lowlands, be first set out and conveyed, unless the creditor desires to have them in the Highlands:

Provided that debtors not seeking the benefit of these presents within a year from now be not allowed to do so hereafter. Approved 12 May.

22. Order that the Council in Scotland cause this matter to be published by proclamation.

25. Wolsley's report of the proceedings in the late conference between his Highness's Commissioners and the ambassador extraordinary from the United Provinces read.

26. Approval by the Protector of an order of 25 March reported by the Lord-Deputy.

27. Robt. Berwick added to the Trade Committee. Approved 26 April.

28. Several letters to Majors-General signed, according to a resolve of Friday last, as follows:— [*I.* 77, *pp.* 42–8.]

April 15. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the several Majors-General. His Highness and Council have passed an Order that all the militia troops of 100 soldiers each be reduced to 80, and desire you to see this carried out in the counties under your charge. [*I.* 77, *p.* 48.]

April 15. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland. A petition has been exhibited to the Protector by Dame Katherine, widow of Sir Alex. Stuart, on behalf of herself and her son, 5 years old, praying that the estate left her son may be freed from sequestration. The case being referred to Council, it appears that on approach of the Earl of Ormond's party, Sir Alexander, refusing to join them, was obliged to quit Ireland and repair to Scotland, where he commanded a foot regiment, and died in Dunbar fight. You are therefore to take off the sequestration of his estate in Ireland, Council having received a certificate of his sober and religious behaviour. The Protector's approval signified by the Lord Deputy. [*I.* 77, *p.* 34.]

April 15. Assignment by Richard Deacon, citizen and clothworker of London, to John Madden of Enfield, co. Middlesex, of the residue of a lease of a messuage in Kitter's Yard, near Petty France in Westminster, value 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, assigned by Lord Maynard to Wm. Herbert, and by him to Jeremy Whichcote, and then to Rich. Deacon, redeemable on payment of 289*l.* in 2 years. [*Parchment, signed; Interregnum, Box* 3, *No.* 4.

April 15. Plymouth. **68.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clerke. Particulars of ships. I will proceed with the 2nd rate ships. The only commanders I can recommend are Capt. Badiley, master attendant at Woolwich, Capts. Plumleigh, Potter, and Heaton, and the master of the Constant Warwick. The Friendship of Plymouth, bound to Ireland with salt and deals, was taken off Scilly by Nich. Hayes, an Irishman holding a commission from James, Duke of York, who put his quartermaster, Harry Wade, and 6 others, 4 being desperate Irishmen, into her, with an order to carry her to St. Sebastian's for condemnation. Wade, who had formerly been pilot of a vessel of London bound to Portugal, which the Bresters had taken, wanting water on the way to St. Sebastian's, sent two of the Irishmen in a boat to one of the islands, and when they were gone, seized and bound the 2 other Irishmen, bound these on their return, and when the wind was fair, gave them a boat to go on shore, and then put for Plymouth, where they now are. There are several of the enemy both within and without the Channel, so that a great stop is put to trade. The merchants from all places crave convoy; I supply it as far as I can, but more vessels are needed. I suppose you feel the Spanish war already in the Customs, and it will be felt much more if trade is not secured. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Pass by Nich. Hayes for the Friendship of Plymouth, taken by him.* 7 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

68. II. *Nich. Hayes to John White, merchant, St. Sebastian's. I have been separated from my prize by a storm, but I beg you to sell her on behalf of the owners of the St. Francis.* $\frac{7}{17}$ *April* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

April 16. **69, 70.** Petition of Edw. Nevey to the Protector. The late Rob. Mason of Lincoln's Inn, on his marriage with my mother Hester Nevey, promised me 1,000 marks when I was of age, and left it me by will, having a good estate. But his son and executor Robert has only paid me 66, with interest since it was due, 4 years ago, and he being outlawed for high treason, I am deprived of the money which is my whole livelihood. I beg that the balance may be charged on the estate. With reference 3 March 1655–6 to 3 of the Commissioners for co. Hants; their report, 21 March 1655-6, verifying that the 1,000 marks were promised, and further reference, 16 April, to the Privy Council. [2 *papers.*]

April 16. **71.** Certificate of Thos. Dunn, registrar for receiving appearances in the city of London, to the Protector and Council. On your order of 22 Jan., I have spent much time in finding a house fit for my office; there was one in Dorset Court at 70*l.*, but I feared you would think the rent too large; I cannot find anything at less rent than one in Fleet Street at 60*l.*, which I have agreed for, but meanwhile have to pay 52*l.* for 2 or 3 rooms in a house in that street. I beg allowance of the rent, and also, having had a trial of the work, I find I shall need 3 clerks, with allowance for fire, stationery, &c., from Nov. last. The deputy and clerks have received fees volunteered by some gentlemen, though told plainly fees are not to be paid. [2 *pages.*]

April 16. Order thereon in Council that 60*l.* be allowed for the rent of the house, and that, besides Dunn's salary of 300*l.* a year, he be allowed 40*l.* a year for a clerk. Approved 26 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 49–50.]

April 16. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The soldiers disbanded by the late order for reducing the new militia troops from 100 to 80 to be paid up to 24 June. Approved 26 April.

2. The Majors-General to give warrants to the treasurers of money raised in their associations to pay to captains of troops of 100 according to the establishment the pay of 20 men on account till June 24 next; such warrants and the captains' receipts to be sufficient discharge. Approved 26 April.

3. The captains of the several troops of the new militia forces to have 4 copies of the last muster rolls made, and to deliver one to the Major-General, and 2 to the muster master, who is to transmit one to the Army Committee, and the captain to keep the other.

4. The yearly salary allowed by the establishment to a doorkeeper in the 6 western counties to be disposed of by the Major-General and Commissioners amongst the other officers as they think fit. Approved 26 April.

5. The pay of the Majors-General of the counties of South Wales and Monmouth to be divided as follows:—

300*l.* a year to Col. Dawkins,
200*l.* „ to Capt. Nicholas.

What remains to Maj.-Gen. Berry, as an addition to his pay. Approved 26 April.

7. The Army Committee to consider fit rules for the Majors-General, for returning a yearly account of moneys and charges in their associations, and for issuing the moneys by warrants from the said Commissioners, for paying the officers and soldiers of the new militia troops and the army contingencies. Scobell to prepare something herein.

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8. The petition of the captains, masters, and owners of ships trading to Newcastle for coals for themselves and the Commonwealth referred to Lambert, Jones, Strickland, Fiennes, Wolsley, and Desborow, to meet this afternoon, consider, and report to-morrow morning.

9. Order—on report from the Treasury Commissioners on Council's reference on a petition of Capt. Robt. Swanley—that Strickland, Jones, Rous, Desborow, and Wolsley consider the matter of Capt. Swanley's desire, learn his grounds for claiming the debt, and report.

10. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Thos. Constable, for himself and officers, Capt. Rich. Warren's widow, Capt. Thos. Howes and their officers, that the Committee find they served as lieutenants of the train bands in Middlesex from Feb. 15 1641–2 till Aug. 9 1643, and by order of Parliament of Aug. 20 1644, Sir Gilb. Gerard, Treasurer-at-war, was to give them the public faith for as much as they had warrants for, but because they were called to fight at Newbury, where Howes and Warren contracted the sickness whereof they died, and because the said Treasurer went out of office, they received no payment; that by an order of June 1, 1645, their accounts were referred to Auditor Broad, who certified that

1,363 10 0 is due to Constable,
1,331 0 0 „ to Capt. Rich. Warren,
1,238 0 0 „ to Thos. Howe;

in all, 3,932*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, besides which the said captains disbursed 416*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* for ammunition, &c., according to orders from the Committee for Safety, in proof whereof certificates and affidavits are shown that the matter was formerly examined by a Committee, and ordered to be reported to the House, and the Committee considering the petitioner's proposal for satisfaction of the 4,348*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* advise, and it is accordingly ordered—that the Trustees for Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, and Chapters' lands, lands of the King, Queen, or Prince, fee-farm rents, and estates forfeited for treason, be required to receive from Capt. Thos. Constable all discoveries of the same, to examine them and certify their value to Council, and that Constable receive out of half such discoveries satisfaction for the 4,348*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* for himself and the others, either in lands or in money, on their sale. Approved 26 April.

14. The petition of Col. Chris. Copley, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Strickland, Jones, Desborow, Rous, and Wolsley, to report.

15. Order—on report to the Committee for naming Commissioners for discoveries, several names being already passed by Council—that the following be recommended to his Highness:—

Ralph Hall,
— Elliston of Gray's Inn,
— Griffith
Edw. Carey,
— Wilsby,
Major Bridges.

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16. To advise that Ferdinando Packhurst be registrar to the said Commissioners, and Rich. Hatter his assistant.

17, 18. A report of the names of those fit to examine the abuses in the officers for sale of delinquents' lands recommitted to the same Committee, to report the names to-morrow.

19. Order—on report from the Commissioners of Council for Scotland, on his Highness's reference of a letter from the Council in Scotland, of Nov. 6, 1655, concerning claims by the creditors of persons whose estates are forfeited in Scotland, showing that but a small part of the claims exhibited were determined by the Commissioners appointed by the Act of Pardon and Grace, as many of them were called away to service in the last Parliament, after the creditors had entered their claims and were proceeding to prove them—that the powers granted the Commissioners for determining claims be continued 6 months from the publication of this order in Scotland, in order that those whose cases have not been determined may have time to prove them, and that

John Swinton,
Wm. Lawrence,
Geo. Smith,
Sir James McDowell,
Sam. Desborow,
John Thompson
Hen. Goodyear,
Edw. Moseley,
Sir Jas. Lermont,
And. Keir,
Hen. Whalley
(Judge Advocate of the Army in Scotland),
Col. Lidcot,

be authorised to execute the said powers as they were before. Approved 26 April.

20. The Privy Seal for the Treasury Commissioners to pay 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* to John Talbot, late receiver of monthly assessments for co. Devon, for so much taken up by Gen. Desborow on Council's order to pay off the 8 companies raised by Sir John Coppleston, not being paid, so that his accounts are not yet passed, and he and his sureties are thereby subject to inconvenience;—Lambert, Desborow, and Sydenham are to consider how it may best be paid, and report.

21. The report from the Committee of Council on persons to be added to the Committee for ejection of scandalous Ministers to be considered to-morrow. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 49–54.]

April 16. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. Council having noticed that the time for the 2nd payment of the fines imposed by the Act of Grace on persons in Scotland is long past, and that by reason of default in their payment, the moneys charged thereon are not paid, recommend you to take account thereof who are in arrear for fines, and how many of those who were to receive satisfaction from fines have been paid, and what moneys charged thereon remain unpaid, that Council may use effectual means to exact payment of the fines still due. [*I.* 77, *p.* 52.]

April 16. **72.** Joseph Caryll to the Admiralty Commissioners. I beg payment of the wages due to Joseph Scot, M.A., Fellow of Trinity

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College, Dublin, for the 6 or 7 months that he served in the Primrose under Capt. Sherwin, by order of the Council in Ireland, as chaplain, as also some consideration for his books and other necessaries, worth 20*l.*, lost when she was cast away. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

72. I. *Warrant by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners for Scot's payment accordingly, although he had no warrant to officiate.* 17 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

April 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Aldermen Thos. Foote and John Kendrick, and — Frederick, sheriff of London and Middlesex, to be added to the Commissioners for securing the peace in London. Approved 26 April.

2. Ald. Fowke and the 2 sheriffs of London, being at the door, were called in, and said that the Lord Mayor and court of freemen had sent them to say that there are 300 sail of ships at Newcastle to take in coal, but they are hindered by some new imposition of the hostmen, which has already raised the price of coal here, and unless quickly remedied, will prove very prejudicial to the city and especially to the poor. They therefore pray some course that the ships may be speedily despatched with coal at last year's rates, and the new imposition examined into.

3. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the captains, masters, and owners of ships trading to Newcastle for coals, complaining that the price on the river Tyne, which was 10*d.* a chaldron, has in the two last years been raised to 12*d.*; and that the fare for each keel carrying 8 chaldrons to the ship has been raised by the hostmen from 7*s.* to 9*s.*, and since to 12*s.* a keel, and by a resolution given to the petitioners on April 3, has been again raised to 21*s.* 4*d.*, which will advance the price of coal 4*s.* 8*d.* a chaldron, and thus many ships be unladen, &c., and the coal trade much obstructed,—that the corporation of hostmen be enjoined to allow all ships trading to Newcastle for coal to lade for the next 6 months, or while the matter is still depending before Council, at the same rate of coal and fare of keel as in April 1655; and that the hostmen come or send deputies to Council on May 21st next, that the matter may be settled, when the traders are also to appear with their complaints, and any gentlemen owners of mines concerned may come or send, if they have anything to offer. *Annexing,*

73. *Debate between Capt. Jackson and the oastmen or hostmen of Newcastle, as to their right to demand* 12*d. for a chaldron on coals. The charge is upheld by the Mayor, &c., of Newcastle, for the sake of upholding the town, and preserving the collieries, and the river.*

No coals can be sold without a hostman, and they prevent bad coals being sent abroad. [1½ *pages.*]

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a convoy for the ships now at Newcastle for coals, and the shipmasters to be enjoined to come away together, that they may be secured to the Port of London, or whatever port they belong to.

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6. The petition, remonstrance, and papers of Charles Webb, grocer, and citizen of London, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Lambert, Mulgrave, Jones, and Lisle, to report.

8. Order on request of some gentlemen of co. Herts,—for an order to call Mr. Turner, of Hertford, and others to account for the moneys they stand charged with, except those raised for the armies and navies,—that a copy of the instructions to Majors-General and Commissioners, passed 25 Dec. 1655, for finding out moneys raised for the service, and remaining in private hands, be sent to the Maj.-General of Herts.

9. [His Highness present]. The petition and remonstrance of Chas. Webb referred to the Trade Committee. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 56-58.]

April 17. Dover Road. **74.** Capt. Dan. Baker to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your late order, I convoyed all the vessels ready for the Downs, being 8, and delivered them to Capt. Whitehorn. While going over, near the Isle of Wight, I met the same pirate I engaged with on the 11th; I bade my convoys keep together and stand to their course, and spread my colours, and we exchanged shots, but I thought it best to keep with my charge, as there was a vast disproportion between us in reference to force; nevertheless, if he had followed, I would have done my utmost for defence and security of my convoys, but he did not attempt it. I met Capt. Whitehorn plying westward near Dover Road, and he declared to me the necessity for his proceedings, and demanded my aid in carrying on the present expedition. I freely gave my consent, being only too glad to do anything that may tend to the service of the Commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

April 17. [Oxford.] **75.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. I have here met Mr. Whorewood, who has sent you some money. I shall soon send some. I think you will soon go to some other town. I often write, though you say you seldom hear. I hope Ned's good disposition continues, gentle dealing does best with him. There has been a sad accident by quarrels among friends. The place where you are is very dangerous; Ned should have some money in his purse, beside the 50*l.* that I shall send him. I hope he will give himself to reading, and learn to understand French. [1 *page.*]

April 18. **76.** Petition of Alice Blackleech and 8 other poor women to Council. Our husbands, being the master and company of the Afry of London, coming from Portugal the 6th of this April, were taken off Portland by the Santa Maria of Dunkirk, bearing up to them under English colours, the ship sunk, and they carried to Dunkirk, where they endure much hardship, and have but 2*d.* a day for provisions, and there, as appears by their letters, they are likely to remain, unless they can be exchanged. We beg a speedy course for their enlargement, having many children ready to perish. [⅔ *page.*]

April 18. **77-79.** Three like petitions to like effect. [½ *page each.*]

[April 18.] **80, 81.** Petition of Hen. Middleton, serjeant-at-arms in Chancery, to the Protector. I hold my office, which is both useful and ancient, by a patent of 2 March, 23 Charles, with a fee of 12*d.* a day, and all profits. By your late Ordinance for better regulating of Chancery, the county sheriffs have the authority for default of appearances which I had, and thus most of my profits are taken away. Having been always loyal to you, I beg to surrender my office, and to have a new grant of it with additional salary. With reference 2 Oct. 1655 to the Commissioners of the Great Seal; their report, 12 Nov. 1655, advising allowance to him of 20*s.* a day; and further reference 21 March 1655–6 to Sydenham, Jones, Wolseley, and Strickland, to consider what salary should be allowed him. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

81. I., II. *List by Middleton and countersigned by serjeant Edw. Birkhead of the fees taken by the serjeant-at-arms attending Chancery, from* 10*s. to* 10*l.* [2 *copies.*]

81. III., IV. *Order in Parliament abating the fees for arrests for delinquency, or being in contempt of the said serjeant,* 28 *July* 1653; *with order* 12 *Oct.* 1653 *that he receive these fees on all warrants issued by Parliamentary Committees, &c.* [2 *copies.*]

April 18. Order thereon in Council that in addition to the 12*d.* a day and fees, he have a salary of 200*l.* a year; that he present a particular of all his fees, on which the Treasury Commissioners are to report, that they may be allowed by Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 60.]

[April 18.] **82.** Petition of Amy Bickerton, widow, and 5 fatherless children, to the Protector, for 10*l.* for present relief in her sad misery, as bestowed on other servants of the late King. Her pension is unpaid 5 years past, and she has no hope but in the 300*l.* ordered her 12 Oct. last. [⅔ *page.*]

April 18. **83.** Like petition to Col. Sydenham. [⅔ *page.*]

April 18. Order in Council for 10*l.* on account, out of Council's contingencies. [*I.* 77, *p.* 64; *I.* 106, *p.* 3.]

April 18. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Council being informed that John Pym, sen., of the Scilly Isles, owes 64*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* to Rich. Beach, a delinquent and rebel, who has acted divers piracies by virtue of a commission from Charles Stuart, Maj.-Gen. Desborow is to seize the said sum, and Pym is required to pay it to him, and his receipt shall be sufficient discharge. Approved 26 April.

2. The order of 9 April, that in drawing the warrants for paying the moneys arising from Customs and Excise to the Navy Treasurer, care must be taken so to prepare it that the Treasury Commissioners may not be disabled to pay the moneys already assigned on the Exchequer, vacated and discharged.

5. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay to John Embree the fee of 38*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* as serjeant plumber, granted him from Dec. 1642 by order of Council of 9 Nov. last.

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6. Order—on petition of Thos. Writer, tanner and maltster of Worcester, and a certificate from divers gentlemen of the county, of his loss of 2,000*l.*—that he have satisfaction for it out of the half of such discoveries as he shall make to the Commissioners for discoveries of lands, goods, moneys, &c., belonging to the Commonwealth, which the Commissioners are to report to Council, that order may be given for his satisfaction. Approved April 26.

7. Order—on a paper subscribed by the Commissioners for securing the peace in co. Northumberland concerning Ralph Delavale of Seaton, Martin Fenwick and Rob. Fenwick of Kenton, and Rob. Widdrington of Hawksley—that the Dep.-Maj.-General and Commissioners do as they think fit. Approved 26 April.

8. The Committee on the report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning the salary of the auditors and receivers-general of the Revenue to offer their report in the case on Wednesday next.

9. The petition of Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart., referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Desborow, Lambert, and Jones, to report.

10. The petition of ——— Scott referred to Maj.-Gen. Whalley and the Commissioners for securing the peace in the county, to proceed as they think fit. Approved 26 April.

11, 12. Mr. Secretary acquainting Council with affronts offered to Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, by Fras. Townley, Townley is to be summoned, and Bradshaw ordered to send over the charge and proofs.

17. The Lord Deputy of Ireland, Fiennes, Lisle, Jones, Strickland, Desborow, and Rous, to consider a paper from Gustavus, Count of Holack, and report.

19. Order that the sums paid to the Treasurers for Forest Lands, for doubling sums due by bills on credit of the Act for Sale of Forests, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
By Theoph. Boughey, baker, of London -	328	0	0
Laurence Wollaston, ironmonger, of Northampton - - - -	201	5	0
Geo. Hooper, of Westminster - -	192	3	4
Walter Payne, of the Savoy - - -	12	10	0

be repaid, and the bills brought in by them to be doubled upon returned to them, on their delivering up the doubled bills. Approved 26 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 59–64.] *Annexing,*

84. *Note by W. Benson, registrar accountant, of the said doubled bills.* 22 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

April 18. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Fras. Townley, merchant, of Hamburg. Council has heard of several miscarriages and affronts by you and at your instigation, offered to Mr. Bradshaw, his Highness's resident, and being sensible how nearly it concerns his honour not to permit any, much less those who are under his allegiance, to offer indignities to one bearing his Highness's public character, and go unpunished, they hold themselves obliged, in duty to his Highness, to make full examination of the matter, and reparation to Mr. Bradshaw, who has executed his office faithfully and zealously; they therefore require you to appear before them in person at Whitehall forthwith, to answer the charges against you. [*I.* 77, *p.* 841.]

April 19. The Gainsborough, Downs. **85.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to the Admiralty Commissioners. This day I met Vice-Adm. De Ruyter from Cadiz, with 8 men-of-war, a fire ship, 3 merchantmen which he convoyed, and several Englishmen and Hamburghers, as also 4 or 5 Biscaneers bound for Bilboa, who parted with him near the Bay. He was very submissive; I kept him under my command 6 or 7 hours with his whole fleet, although it was very thick weather. I did not think fit to engage with him in regard to his numbers, as there was no ship that I could challenge as an Ostender or Dunkirker, and he said he had none. He would not part with his convoys unless I forced him. Cornelius Everson is now at Cadiz, and will be homeward bound with several ships in 3 weeks. Only 2 of the plate ships have come, 3 having foundered at sea, and they daily look for 18 sail, which may be the fleet of 26 or 28 sail seen by the Hunter off the Northern Cape. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

85. I. *Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to Vice-Adm. De Ruyter. I hope you will not break the happy peace between us, as I only demand the merchant ships that came with you from Cadiz; but if not complied with, I must use force, which I am very unwilling to do. I hope you will not cause the spilling of any more blood, and do what you cannot answer hereafter; but the State has intelligence that the ships under your convoy have plate and money for our enemies, which I cannot let pass.* 19 *April* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

85. II. *Vice-Adm. Mich. A. de Ruyter to Capt. Whitehorn. I see by your letter that you have a mind to stop our ships, which I cannot allow so long as we have ships and men; I entreat you to be careful not to go beyond your orders, and to avoid the shedding of any blood, or breaking the happy peace existing; I will pledge my word that we have no Spanish ships or goods in our fleet; I am sure the Lord Protector would not give orders to stop our free ships. Let us part friends. The Pleasure,* $\frac{19}{29}$ *April* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

85. III. *Michael De Ruyter and* 2 *others to Whitehorn. You charge me with convoying ships and goods for the King of Spain, but this I deny as a Christian. He has no interest in the ships under my convoy.* [1 *page.*]

April 19. Ashburton. **86.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clerke. Being at Exeter on public business, and to meet Capt. Pley respecting the survey at Dartmouth, I heard of the great loss sustained by the taking of Beare, who was deemed a champion of Weymouth, or of Lyme, where he lived, without firing a shot. It seems strange that those who were employed as factors and master should put such a value (8,000*l.*) under convoy of such a vessel as the Hopewell pink, knowing the many men-of-war there were in the Channel. To prevent such losses, I suggest that for the future all vessels which trade to France be forbidden to go or come without convoy; that convoy be allowed for Newhaven, St. Malo, and Morlaix 4 times yearly, and 3 times for Nantes, Rochelle, Bordeaux, and thereabouts, and for other places as shall be thought fit. This would induce the traders to go and come together, and also be a benefit to the State in the Customs and Excise, which sustain great losses by those that flirt to and again in small vessels, and deceive them of most thereof. By these means you would quickly lessen the enemy. The convoys to be granted ought to be such as can go and return safely.

The Sorlings and Bryer have returned from convoying the vessels for St. Malo and Morlaix, and want victuals, but knowing they were wanted on their return to convoy some vessels from Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Exeter to Newhaven, with goods valued at 20,000*l.* or more, as also from those places to London, to the value of 10,000*l.* or more, I left orders for their supply before going to Exeter. I intended the Bryer and Truelove to convoy those to Newhaven, and the Sorlings those to the Downs; but as the Pembroke has put into the Sound, with the Marigold and other victuallers under her convoy, I purpose to join her to the Sorlings, there still being many of the enemies' men-of-war in the Channel, and to give the charge of the Marigold and the others to Capt. Potter, to convoy them to the Soundings. Particulars of ships. [2 *pages.*]

April 21. Plymouth. **87.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. There is a captain of a man-of-war of St. Sebastian's in the Castle, and I will keep him safe until further order, as Capt. Sydrach Blake is still a prisoner at St. Sebastian's. When at Exeter, I saw an order of Council for setting at liberty Beach's wife, who undertook to procure the enlargement of Capt. S. Blake, but there can be little dependence placed upon her, unless she has given security. Beach boasts that he walked out of prison undiscovered, by putting on a suit of black and a periwig that his wife brought him. I hear from Capts. Morris and Parker, lately returned from convoying some vessels to St. Malo and Morlaix, that they spoke at St. Malo with Mr. Beere, who was taken while under convoy of the Hopewell pink; they offered, if he would accompany them with 6 or 7 others they had under convoy to Morlaix, to see him safely back to England.

As our stock is diminished and the enemies encouraged to greater mischief by the riches they take, and most of this caused by the carelessness of the masters of merchant vessels, I propose that all those who trade with France (Marseilles and Toulon excepted) be inhibited either to go or come without convoy, and that convoy be allowed to those trading from Morlaix eastward 4 or 5 times a year, and from Nantes, Rochelle, &c., 3 times a year, by which means the enemy on the coast will be deprived of their greatest hopes. The Morlaix, St. Malo, and Newhaven vessels are generally small, and the Ostenders and Dunkirkers being the same, lie about the rocks hidden, so that few can escape them without convoy.

Particulars of ships and convoys and of officers wanted. [2¾ *pages.*]

April 21. **88.** H. Thorndike to Williamson. The design was to reprint the Pa[ris Bible?] which was divided into two, in one sight, making as many columns in one face as might take both parts, not tying this edition to the Antwerp copy. The Rome (?) copy is printed with the differences of the copy at St. James's, and for the Chaldee paraphrase of that copy, that of Broxdorf, reserving to the end a list of the differences. The Æthiopic of the Psalter and Canticle is added. The intent is to add it in the New Testament, translated into Latin, also Jonathan's Targum on the Law, and the Persian, with their translations in Latin, though not in columns, because there were so many before. The government is in Dr. Walton, who has for the Hebrew and Chaldee Mr. Clarke, for the Syriac and Arabic Mr. Castle, with a third for the Greek and Latin. The purpose is to give what England affords for the verifying of the several copies; so the Greek of Albus and of Antwerp is compared, and the differences listed.

In the Syriac we have written copies, which are compared to the same purpose. If M. Capel move anything to make the work more useful, I will promote it. [1 *page; damaged.*]

April 22. **89.** Petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, Rob. Tichborne, and Mark Hildesley, late Commissioners of Customs, to the Protector and Council. By your order of 15 April, we are to perfect our accounts with your auditor. We would gladly do it if we could, but,

1st. Only an abstract has been offered us, nor is there any rough draft thereof made by the Accountant General.

2nd. The books and vouchers of the cash and account were not delivered till 12 and 19 April, and some are still in Mr. Whittell's hands as not inventoried, and the cash book cannot be posted up till examined with the ledgers kept by the accountant. We are making all possible speed therein, but we beg your patience for a short time. [1 *sheet.*]

April 22. Order in Council allowing them another week. [*I.* 77, *p.* 65.]

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1. The petition of Elizabeth, wife of Roger Beere, prisoner at Dunkirk, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report what should be done in this and the like cases.

2. The like letter to be written to Maj.-Gen. Barkstead and the Commissioners for the City of London on behalf of the Earl of Dorset as was written to those of cos. Derby and Stafford, containing the substance of the petition and former orders.

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the store keepers at Portsmouth to send 8 barrels of powder to the governor of Brownsea Castle.

6. Order—on report from Dr. Godolphin, an Admiralty judge, of April 10, concerning 2 packs of cloth taken in the Charity, and condemned in the Admiralty, because at the time of seizure, which was before the conclusion of peace between France and England, the 2 packs belonged to Frenchmen—that the Prize Goods' Commissioners report to Council to-morrow whether the packs are sold, and if sold, for how much.

7. Order on a report by the Commissioners for Appeals and regulating Excise—that the Excise office at Hull has been broken open and 322*l.* 0*s.* 9½*d.* stolen therefrom, but that the felon is in custody

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and has confessed, and that 223*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* of the money is in the mayor's hands, and also goods, value 34*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.*, bought with part of the stolen money,—that the mayor be ordered to give up the same to the Sub-commissioners for Excise in Hull, for delivery of the said money to Mr. Leppington and Stockdale, the said Excise Sub-commissioners. Approved 26 April.

90. *Report alluded to*, 17 *April* 1656. [½ *page.*]

8. Order on report from the Excise Commissioners according to an order of March 15, 1654–5, on the paper signed by Thos. Brookes on behalf of Matt. Young, and on Young's petition—the Commissioners certifying that Thos. Young, Rob. Smyth, and Rich. Pym farmed the excise in Kent for one year, from June 24, 1652 to 1653, at the rent of 12,525*l.*, which is paid; and that Thos. Young alone farmed it for one quarter, ending 29 Sept. 1653, at the rent of 2,100*l.*, being 531*l.* less than the rent of any preceding quarter, for payment of which rent and performance of articles Matt. Young became bound with the said Thomas, for which rent there yet remains due 1,475*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* and interest at 6 per cent. amounting to 200*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, in all 1,675*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* The Commissioners also finding by a report from Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Col. Goffe, on a reference to them from his Highness, that it appears by a certificate from Fras. Allen, alderman of London, that he, by warrants from the Committee of Lords and Commons for the safety of the kingdom, and from Lord Gen. Essex delivered 604 quarters of oats in the custody of Thos. Manley in the Mews, and it was ordered by the Commons in Parliament, Nov. 29, 1652, that the moneys due to Manley, the purveyor who provided those oats, should be paid from the Exchequer, and it appearing by certificate from Falconbridge that no money was paid Manley for the oats. Also finding by another certificate that, on an order from the Commons of Aug. 16, 1644, directed to Wm. Cross, for issuing forth the oats of Thos. Manley, seized at St. Katherine's, to Alex. Bence and Sam. Vassall, aboard the Dolphin, and the Star, he finds 512 quarters of oats were delivered; also that Thos. Manley, junr., son and executor of the purveyor, by a poll-deed of Dec. 1653, assigned all the benefit of the said oats to Mat. Young for a debt of 800*l.* owing to him for a marriage portion from Thos. Manley, which oats being 1,116 quarters, the Commissioners, on enquiry made concerning the price of oats in 1642–44, estimate it at 12*s.* the quarter at the time of sale, amounting to 669*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, and with interest at 6 per cent. to 1,154*l.* 2*s.* 0d.—That Mat. Young pay to the Excise Treasury 521*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, being the surplusage with interest of the rent arrears, over and above the 1154*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* due for the oats; and that his Highness issue warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to strike a tally in the Exchequer for the whole 1,675*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* arrear of rent with interest, and that the bond of Thos. and Mat. Young, Rob. Smith, and Rich. Pym be delivered them to be cancelled, and the production of the tally be sufficient warrant and discharge for the money, and delivering up the bond; before the tally is struck, Mat. Young and Thos. Manley, executors of Thos. Manley, the purveyor, to acknowledge

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themselves in writing fully satisfied for the 1,116 quarters of oats. Approved 26 April.

9. A letter from Ralph Gardiner, agent for the coal ships, and one signed Thos. Slinger, referred to Lambert, Jones, and Strickland, to send for Gardiner from the Upper Bench prison, learn about the matter, and report.

14. The Admiralty Commissioners to give order forthwith for a nimble vessel to be dispatched to the West Indies.

15. Also to appoint 2 convenient ships to guard the coast of Scotland and maintain trade there.

16. Also to hasten the preparation of the 4 advice boats formerly ordered.

17. The Committee on the Statutes for Durham College to meet April 30 at 3, in the Piedmont Commissioners' room at Whitehall.

18. Rous, the Lord Deputy, Jones, Desborow, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Lisle to consider what was moved to-day concerning Dr. John Owen, about 100*l.* a year formerly granted him and alleged to be several years in arrear, and report.

19. Order—on a letter read from Gen. Monk, dated Edinburgh, April 15, 1656—that 1000*l.* be charged on ½ of the Excise revenue not yet charged for making a citadel at Leith, and the 500*l.* a month reserved out of the monthly assessment on Scotland to be used for this purpose.

20. A letter to be written to Gen. Monk, recommending that the work be done effectually, but with as little charge as possible.

21. Mr. Nye, Manton, and Carill to attend a Committee of Council to hear Hen. Hill and John Field concerning their right to print the Bible, and to hear the statement of the printers of Finsbury, and report.

22. Mulgrave, Jones, and Strickland to examine the business about the book entitled, " Sportive Wit, or the Muses' Merryment," to send for the authors and printers, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 64–69.]

April 22. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower and Deputy Major-General of London. His Highness and Council have received a petition of Richard, Earl of Dorset, certifying that he has been summoned to appear before the City Commissioners of London at Guildhall, which order he conceives to be founded on a misinformation of delinquency, of which he is free, having never been in arms for or otherwise served the cause of the late King; Council therefore recommend the same to you and the other Commissioners, to discharge him if you find his statement true. [*I.* 77, *p.* 841.]

April 22. Queen's College. **91.** Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. I have not written lately, but have much college business, and little leisure. I advise you—

1. To pay yourself your allowance out of moneys sent you, for if you defer it to be paid in England, it may not be so easily obtained.

2. To see that they [the pupils] have the French tongue, for I would not have it said but that they thrive under you.

3. Order if you can to be at Rome next Christmas.

Dr. Wilkins has married Mrs. French, the Protector's sister. This year's proctors are Littleton of All Souls and Carpenter of Christchurch.

An Act has passed Convocation to take away collectors in Lent, and 2 ordinary bachelors are to be deputed to order their determining in the schools, like to the collectors of Austin's.

Our public acts are like to go down, *i.e.*, no doctors in any faculty to answer them, nor to keep any *terræ-filius*, and union of the Acts, and *modo replicavits* to be quite taken away, and only some philosophy disputations, at the same time with Cambridge commencement, to prevent resort of company hither. The old stone pulpit of St. Mary's is taken down, and a large new one of wood erected. We have no divinity reader this year, nor any election, either of fellows or tabitors. Private news; Sir Fras. Norris has sent a letter would load a horse. [1 *page.*]

April 23. **92.** Petition of John Streater, and others concerned in printing the Bible, to the Protector. We have seen your order that the copy of the Bible should be entered in the register book of the Stationers' Company to John Field and Hen. Hill. We beg to inform you—

1. That the copy is not the right of Barker, but of Bill, and was only in Barker's hands in trust for Bill.

2. That this order will lay us open to be sued by Field and Hill for 6*s.* 8*d.* on every book we possess by virtue of the Act of 20 Sept. 1649, by which Act thousands may also be recovered of the Stationers' Company, Miles Fletcher, Roger Norton, and Roger Daniell, who have all engaged great stocks in printing the Bible. We beg a hearing, and time for perfecting impressions, and selling stock, before the Bible be entered to any particular persons, and a proviso as granted in divers other statutes, allowing the sale of goods in hand at the time of the prohibition. Noted as left in the Council chamber. [1 *page.*]

April 23. **93.** Petition of Mirth Waferrer, minister, late of Upham, Hants, to the Protector and Council, for liberty to exercise his ministry, from which he is abridged by the late declaration. For going into Winchester, 5 miles from his own house, whilst it was the late King's quarters, and not taking the covenant, was sequestered from his living of Upham. Since his sequestration, has taken no public employment, but has lived lately in Kent as domestic chaplain to [Sir Norton Knatchbull at Mersham Hatch, Kent] a person well affected. His conformable, peaceable, and pious demeanour appears by testimony annexed. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **93.** I. *Certificate in his favour by the following ministers:—Rob. Austen of Alvington, John Swinoke of Mersham, Nich. Prigg of Ashford, John Asherst of Warhorne, Geo. May of Great Chart, and Fras. Worrall of Kingsnoth; also by Sir Norton Knatchbull, and* 3 *others.* [1 *page.*]

April 23. Order thereon in Council that the County Commissioners permit him to continue his ministry in Knatchbull's family, their instructions notwithstanding. Approved 3 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 70-95.]

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April 23. **94.** Petition of the inhabitants of Eastham, Essex, to the Protector. The maintenance of our minister being but 52*l.* a year, the University Commissioners granted an augmentation of 50*l.* to [John Horne] our then minister, which after his removal was continued to John Page, our late minister, now dead. We beg its continuance to John Clark, presented to our living under the Great Seal, and approved by the Committee for approbation of Ministers. 11 signatures, 2 being by mark. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

94. I. *Order alluded to, granting* 50*l. to John Horne.* 11 *Dec.* 1650. [*Copy ;* ¾ *page.*]

94. II. *Certificate by Sam. Clarke, minister of Bennet Finck, and* 8 *others, in favour of John Clarke, Fellow of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge.* [*Copy ;* ¾ *page.*]

94. III. *Like certificate by Wm. Moses and* 10 *others. Pembroke Hall,* 14 *Dec.* 1655. [*Copy ;* 1 *page.*]

April 23. Order thereon in Council to recommend the continuance of the augmentation to the Trustees for Ministers. Approved 26 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 72–83.]

April 23. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The money due on account of the Customs by Col. Harvey and the other late Commissioners, and by Ald. Avery and the rest of the former Customs' Commissioners, to be applied to furnish the ships and forces to be sent for Jamaica. Approved 26 April.

2. The Treasury Commissioners to take care that the money returned in specie by Col. Gibbon in French coin, on account of the compositions of delinquents in Jersey, is changed into English money with the least possible loss, and the proceeds paid into his Highness's Treasury and from thence to the Navy Treasury.

4. **95.** Order on petition of Phil. Tandy, registrar accountant for sale of delinquents' lands, that the treasurers for estates forfeited for treason pay him 50*l.* in part of his salary, or show cause why they do not pay.

6. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart., that the petition and prayer annexed be referred to the Commissioners for co. Devon, and that they be empowered, if they find the matter true, to take off the decimation of his estate and all proceedings against him, but if not, to report. Approved 26 April.

7. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Col. Geo. Twistleton, Governor of Denbigh Castle, for satisfaction for debts and demands due from the State,—certifying, that on reference to the Army Committee, Twistleton's account for his disbursements about the garrison of Denbigh were examined by John Hildesley and Gervase Bennet, who certify that he paid 1,079*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* for fortification, arms, victualling, &c., at Denbigh Castle ; by the balance of an account, 89*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* ; to officers and soldiers after disbanding, 90*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* ; in all, 1,259*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*, beside his demand for pay as governor—that he receive satisfaction for the said sum out of such discoveries of lands, money, &c., as he shall lay before the Commissioners for Discoveries, who are to report them to Council, and they

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will order their application for his satisfaction till the money be fully paid. Approved 26 April.

8. Strickland, Jones, Desborow, Rous, and Mulgrave to consider the paper presented by Mr. Secretary concerning the Manor of Downton, co. Wilts, late the Bishop of Winchester's lands.

9. The Committee on the petition of Wm. Fortescue's widow to report quickly.

10. The seal prepared by a former order for the Council be so used henceforth. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 68–72.]

April 24. **96, 97.** Petition of Capt. John Baskett, late governor of Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight, to the Protector. I was one of the first that took arms in 1642, and was not the least in securing the Isle of Wight. When the Earl of Essex was defeated in the West, 5 companies were commanded out of the island to relieve Plymouth, but the others threw down their arms, and I carried my company into Plymouth, and did good service in the siege. I mortgaged my estate for 600*l.* to raise my company, and maintained myself in the service.

I did singular service at Bridgewater, Bristol, Hereford, &c., and when Col. Birch deserted the engagement in 1647, I came away to the army, was with Col. Hammond in the Isle of Wight all the time the King was there, for 8*d.* a day, and though I brought money to redeem my estate, my charges were such that they brought me further into debt, and it is still unredeemed. I was most instrumental in preventing the King's escape, and bringing him to justice.

I have ever since been faithful, and spent 200*l.* on the garrison, which I cannot get back, yet I am without cause put from my command, and a most inconsiderable person put in my place, to the utter undoing of me and my family, and I presume without your knowledge. I beg restoration to my command at Cowes, though but for a month, that my honour may be vindicated, and then I shall be willing to serve elsewhere; also repayment of the 200*l.*, and leave to speak with you. With reference thereon to Lambert, Fleetwood, and Sydenham, 18 Jan. 1655–6; their report in favour of the payment of the 200*l.*, and further reference, 23 April 1656, to Council, to order payment. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

97. I. *Certificate by the Ordnance Committee in favour of the payment of the* 200*l. spent in repairs and disbursements of Cowes Castle,* 25 *Nov.* 1654; *of the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers that the money was not paid,* 15 *Dec.* 1654; *and of the auditor of the Committee for Advance of Money to like effect.* 3 *Jan.* 1655. [1 *page, copies.*]

97. II. *Note of small sums,* 9*l.* 4*s.* 7*d. in all, out on Capt. Baskett's account.* [*Scrap.*]

97. III. *Report on the case by Fleetwood and Sydenham, that Council be moved to request his Highness to order a warrant for the said* 200*l.* 4 *March* 1656–7. [⅔ *page.*]

April 24. Order in Council, that 300*l.* be paid to Baskett, in full of all demands, out of ½ of discoveries to be made by him of concealed goods or estates, the Treasury Commissioners certifying the value thereof to Council. Approved 26 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 74–83.]

April 24. **98.** Petition of Rich. Hutchinson, navy treasurer, to Council, to appoint a committee to inquire into an unjust demand of Col. Edm. Harvey for sums which were never paid to petitioner, that the guilty may be proceeded against. [¾ *page.*]

April 24. Reference thereon to the Committee on Public Money, to send for persons, books, and papers, examine and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 75.]

April ? **99.** Request by Hutchinson. That his Highness would order the 1,500*l.* a year, and the 200*l.* for every 10,000*l.* beyond 700,000*l.* a year, to be also taken in the 3 first years of my action as treasurer, I having much larger promises at the time; and that the allowance for the first 3 years may be out of the 2,000*l.* with which I lately acquainted his Highness, till it be found to whom it belongs. [½ *page.*]

April 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Col. John Boys, of Bonington, co. Kent, read.

2. Order—on a report on the petition of Mrs. Mary Fortescue [*see* 1 *April* 1656], representing that by certificate of the Trustees for sale of forfeited Lands, there is 15,521*l.* 13*s.* 0¾*d.* due for latter moieties on the Marquis of Winchester's estate—that the treasurers call for payment, and in default within 14 days, that there be re-entries into the land, and a recovery according to recognizances. *Annexing,*

100. *Report alluded to, signed by Lambert, Sydenham, and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

3. To recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers an augmentation of 40*l.* for the minister of Brampton, and 30*l.* for that of Castle Carrock, co. Cumberland.

4, 5. The restraint laid, by order of Council of 31 Aug. 1654, on the sale of Lord Craven's lands, taken off, and the Trustees to proceed with the sale, but to act under direction of the Treasury Commissioners.

6. Order—on report on the petition, &c., of Thos. Ogle [*see* 14 *March* 1656], to advise the granting of letters patent, as proposed, to such persons as he desires, for making saltpetre out of salt water, provided he delivers yearly for the State 1,500 cwt. of double refined petre at 40*s.* the cwt., and allowing him to sell the residue in England, Scotland, or Ireland, he acting nothing against this present Government. Approved 26 April. *Annexing,*

101. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Jones,* 31 *March* 1656. [1 *page.*]

8. The paper and petition of the mayor and commonalty of York referred to Lord Widdrington and his Highness's counsel learned, to report.

10. Thos. Tooke or Cooke added to the Commissioners for securing the peace in co. Hertford. Approved 26 April.

11, 12. Note of the reading of the following paper. *Annexing,*

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102. *Report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on the reference of 22 April, on the petition of Elizabeth, wife of Roger Beere, late commander of the Malo merchant, now prisoner in Dunkirk, that Beere behaved unworthily, by delivering up his ship without the least resistance, though the Hopewell pink was coming up to his defence; also by persisting in sailing with a weak convoy, though 2 frigates offered him a stronger one, if he would sail with them to Morlaix and thence to England. That the Commissioners think the exchanging of merchant seamen for those of men-of-war taken is prejudicial, as it makes traders go into desperate adventures, when they can be so soon redeemed, and recruits the enemy's strength.*

The Commissioners also desire a more particular intimation of Council's pleasure about the quality and force of the vessel to be provided for the West Indies. [1 *page.*]

13. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that since the beginning of the war with Spain, many ill affected of this nation have acted with hostility, and committed piracy, and have entered themselves aboard ships of war belonging to Spain, receiving commissions from Charles Stuart, and James, his brother, and have surprised English merchant ships laden with goods, and committed several abuses, to the damage of individuals and the prejudice of trade;—for timely redress whereof, since, by an Act of April 1650, all English mariners serving abroad under any foreign prince were to withdraw and return to England within 4 months, and not take foreign service again without licence, under pain of death;—that his Highness be advised to declare by proclamation that no native of England, Scotland, or Ireland, found bearing arms against the Commonwealth on any Spanish ship, pirate ship, or vessel, by commission from Charles or James Stuart, shall, on being taken by a Commonwealth ship, receive quarter; and that the Generals at sea and Admiralty Commissioners be authorised to proceed accordingly. Approved 26 April.

14. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that according to former directions 4 advice boats were built, which are now plying in the Channel with 48 men and 8 guns each, viz.,—the Eaglet, between Dunkirk and Ostend; the Hawk, between Beachy and the Ness; the Roebuck, about Lynn Deeps; and the Hind, between Harwich and Orfordness; beside several small vessels provided and sent along with the fleet under Gen. Blake and Gen. Montague; and the Raven, a small vessel now ready at Plymouth;—that the Commissioners return to Council a list of the war vessels bearing 14 guns, with their several stations, and consider how a convenient number of them may be disposed about Portsmouth and Plymouth, to be always ready to start from thence on service.

15. Mr. Embree to survey Maj.-Gen. Skippon's house in the Mews, and report what repairs are necessary, and the cost.

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17. The petition of the wives of officers and soldiers now at Jamaica, and that of Bryan Hodgson, who was wounded in Hispaniola, and is at the Savoy for his cure, referred to the Committee on the affairs of Jamaica. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 72–77.]

April 24. **103.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I have used Mr. Calendar for letters whilst here; he will be ready for his voyage in a fortnight; his parents will be here this term. Mr. Pocock has the black jaundice, but the worst is past. The vice-chancellor is taking all your old ceremonies of formalities, and whether you will have any more acts is doubtful. [½ *page.*]

April 25. **104.** Petition of the under clerks, messengers, and serjeants' deputies attending Council, to Council, for an order whereby Mr. Frost may be able to pay them their ½ year's salary, and their future salaries without having to trouble their honours every quarter. Thanks for the appointment of part of their salary, but Mr. Frost has so many warrants charged on him, and some so pressing, that petitioners cannot be paid. [1 *page.*]

April 25. Order thereon to advise that his Highness issue a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Gualter Frost 3,000*l.* on account for Council's contingencies, and that he should therefrom pay the inferior officers of Council their 2 quarters' salary. [*I.* 77, *p.* 77.]

April 25. **105.** Petition of Ant. Rodrigues Robles to the Protector. On Wm. Coxeter's false information that I am a Spaniard, all my books, papers, wines, &c., have been seized, and I not heard. I am a Portuguese Jew, and hope the privileges of a merchant stranger, having lived here many years, paid thousands in customs, and submitted to all taxes. I beg leave to answer any accusation, and give bail to any action or demand, for my credit will be much impaired if this seizure of my goods be noticed; therefore I beg their restoration on bail, and enquiry into my quality. With reference, signed by the Protector, 24 March 1655–6, to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

105. i. *Statement of his case:—Was born at Fundon in Portugal, but being Jews, they were forced to fly to Spain, where his father was killed, his mother tortured by the Inquisition, and his kindred burned, sent to galleys, and whipped. Fled to the Canary Islands and changed his name, but hearing of orders from the Inquisition to apprehend him as a Jew, came to England, and hopes to continue under a prince so much the protector of afflicted strangers.* [⅔ *page.*]

105. ii. *Certificate by* 8 *foreigners in London to the truth of the petition.* 8 *signatures.* 22 *April* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

105 iii. *Notes of several other persons who could depose thereto.* [½ *page.*]

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105. IV. *Phil. de la Loyhoy to Sec. Thurloe. Details of the proceedings of Robles to prove himself a Portuguese, on hearing that the goods of Spaniards were likely to be seized, and of conferences thereon with John Baptista [Dunnington] and Fras. Knevett, &c.* 26 *March* 1656. [2 *pages.*]

105. V.–VII. *Deposition, letter, and certificate of John Baptista de Dunnington, a stranger, on the case.* 31 *March and* 24 *April* 1656. [3 *papers.*]

105. VIII. *Deposition of Domingo de la Sella, Spanish Jew.* 31 *March* 1656. [1¼ *pages.*]

105. IX. *Deposition of Fras. Knevett.* 1 *April* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

105. X. *Deposition of Robles himself.* 1 *April* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

105. XI. *Notes of the above papers.* [½ *page.*]

April 25. Note of reading the petition 15 April, and order 25 April, referring it and all the papers to the Admiralty Commissioners to enquire, examine witnesses, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 44, 78.]

April 25. **106.** Petition of the late Commissioners of Customs [Col. Harvey, Ald. Tichborne, and Mr. Hildesley] to the Protector and Council. Thanks for your giving us till Tuesday to exhibit our account to 29 Sept. last, but we find our late cashier has so complicated it with that up to 25 March, that we could not have it ready in less than 3 weeks, so we beg a month, when we will have that and the account to 25 March ready. John Upton, one of the present Commissioners, shall not be charged with any sums lost by Capt. Langham. [1 *page.*]

April 25. Order thereon in Council allowing them a fortnight longer to bring in their account up to 25 March 1656. [*I.* 77, *p.* 78.]

April 25. **107.** Petition of Capt. John Hunt, in Col. Rich. Ingoldsby's regiment, and Capt. Edw. Botsford to the Protector. On 13 July 1654 I, Hunt, petitioned and had a report that no way was so fit for my relief as discoveries, but as the late Parliament was near sitting, and you were full of business, you quieted me for the present, promising to be mindful of me.

I, Botsford, served in both wars, till the disbanding of part of Col. Haines' regiment in Jersey, and on 26 July last, on your order to the Committee for Accounts, &c., they certified 1,300*l.* due from Peter Evans on my discovery. This discovery I have prosecuted 2 years, and have been a long time prisoner in the Fleet, my debts being 2,400*l.*

We beg this, and ½ of any future discoveries we make towards our debts, and an order to the Treasury Commissioners to receive our discoveries and pay us the money. [¾ *page.*]

April 25. Order in Council on report on the petition of Hunt and Capt. Edw. Botsford, and on a certificate from the Committee of Accounts, &c.—that Botsford has discovered 3,000*l.* concealed in the hands of Peter Evans—that 600*l.* be paid to Hunt out of the ½ of the monies paid in on the discovery, and such sum as is due to Botsford. Approved 12 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 79, 111.] *Annexing,* 1656

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108. *Report alluded to on the petition of John Hunt, that no way is so fit for his relief as discoveries, but that the Act of 7 Oct. 1653 authorized Commissioners for accounts and clearing public debts, and for discovery of frauds, to pay their moneys into a treasury to be appointed by Parliament, and that the Committee, being members of the late Parliament, was dissolved by the dissolution of Parliament. That Hunt should be paid his just debts out of the discovery of Peter Evans, according to a report on a petition of Capt. Hunt and Capt. Edw. Botsford, and some one appointed to receive the discovery and pay him. Also that he should be paid for his great losses from other discoveries.* [⅔ *page.*]

[April 25.] **109.** Petition of William, Earl of Lothian, to the Protector. By an Act of Parliament of Scotland of 5 July 1650, there is due to the Earl of Cassilis, Alex. Brodie [of Brodie], George Windram [of Liberton], Sir John Smith [of Grottale], Alex. Jeffray [provost of Aberdeen], and myself 9,000*l.*, which we have power to levy from the shires and boroughs of Scotland, and to appoint collectors therefor; this we did till disturbed by the late troubles, and by an order from the English Parliament Commissioners at Dalkeith, discharging any general collection without particular order, although this being a private debt, we have a right to it by law. We beg discharge of this restraint, and leave to levy the money. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

109. I. *Act of Parliament alluded to for repayment of the said debts borrowed on the public faith by them in Holland. Edinburgh, 5 July* 1650. *Endorsed "Act of Parliament for uplifting the Holland debt."* [⅔ *page.*]

109. II. *Reasons in favour of the permission requested to get in the said debt.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

[April 25.] **110.** Statement by the Earl of Lothian to Lord ——— of his services and claims, giving the following additional particulars. I was Governor of Newcastle 1640 and 1641, paying all dues and taking no quarter, and then Lieut.-General of the Scots' army into Ireland, but receiving no pay; I was also President of the Committees that were with the Scots' armies 1645 to 1647. With particulars of his several requests as given in his petitions. [1 *page.*]

April 25. Order in Council—on a report from the Committee for Scotland, that in 1650, John, Earl of Cassilis, William, Earl of Lothian, and the 4 others named, were sent Commissioners from the Parliament of Scotland to Holland, to the late King of Scots, and borrowed there by warrant of Parliament and on the public faith 9,000*l.* to furnish the King with provisions, and gave their own security therefor, which debt was charged by Parliament as an assessment on the shires and burghs of Scotland, and part levied—that the Commissioners in Scotland give warrant for calling in that part of the debt which is already levied, and for levying the remainder.

Order—on a like report that the said persons borrowed 7,500*l.* which is raised by interest to 9,000*l.*, and that the Holland merchants are recovering the debts by law from the said persons, to their great prejudice, and that no other way appears for the redress of the said Commissioners but by payment from the moneys to be so levied—that the said sum shall be so levied, and the debt discharged. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 80, 81.] *Annexing,*

111. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Lambert, but suggesting an enquiry how the original debt of* 7,500*l. is raised as high as* 9,000*l.* [2 *pages.*]

Order that the said Committee examine how the 7,500*l.* has been raised to 9,000*l.*, and that the residue, if not justly due, be reserved to the State; and that 1,500*l.* of the money to be raised be reserved to the State for so much paid from the Treasury in Scotland 2 Feb. 1653–4 to Alex. Jeffray, to enable him to repay his proportion of the 9,000*l.* [*I.* 77, *p.* 82.]

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2. Order—on petition of Sir John Clotworthy, and on report from Lord Broghill and Col. Art. Hill, the petition relating partly to an arrear of pension, and partly to arrears for personal estate,—to advise his Highness that in the present state of the Commonwealth, arrears of pensions from the late King be not admitted, but arrears of personal pay be considered when debts of that nature come to be paid.

3. John Blaxton, town clerk of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, added to the Trade Committee. Approved 26 April.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners to give order for a ship to take M. Coyet, agent from Sweden, into Holland.

8. Col. Chas. Howard and Mr. Downing added to the Committee on Durham College.

9. Order on a report from the referees on Bottwonnog Free Grammar School, county Carnarvon,—that the Bishop of Bangor in 1616 devised a house to maintain the school to be erected at his charge, the schoolmaster to have 20*l.* a-year; that it was built by his executors, but in open fields, a mile from any house, and inconvenient for lodging and diet of the scholars, Pwllheli, the nearest town, being 5 miles off, and that for 2 years no school has been kept,—that the trustees dispose as well as they can of the present schoolhouse or its materials, and build one in Pwllheli, with a master's house, and apply to its maintenance the funds left for the school at Bottwonnog. Approved 12 May. *Annexing,*

112. *Report of Nath. Bacon and G. Twisleton alluded to.* [2 *pages.*]

112. I. *Hen. Bodvill, one of the trustees, to Col. Phil. Jones. I think the situation of the school is very inconvenient, being so remote from houses, and it would be much more convenient, especially in winter, at Pwllheli; but I do not know whether by will it can be done, as the testator wished the school, " if it may be," to be in Melltyrn or Bottwonnog parish.* 23 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

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11. **113.** Order on allegation that it is difficult to get together 2 of the referees appointed 3 April on Lord Borthwick's request, that Sir John Barkstead alone do what is requested, and report.

12. Order on Col. Jones' report from the Committee on a book entitled "Sportive Wit, or the Muses' Merriment"—that the book contains much scandalous, lascivious, scurrilous and profane matter—that the Lord Mayor of London and the other Commissioners for regulation of printing cause all copies thereof to be seized wherever they are found, and deliver them to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex, who are to cause them to be publicly burnt, with those copies already seized. Approved 26 April.

13, 14. Order on his further report—that Nath. Brookes, stationer, at the Angel, Cornhill, had the book printed; that John Grismond of Ivy Lane, and Jas. Cotterill of Lambeth Hill printed it, and John Phillips of Westminster wrote the epistle dedicatory—that Sir John Barkstead levy the fines on the said persons according to law, and that they attend Council next Tuesday. [*I* 77., *pp.* 77–80.]

April 25. Queen's College. **114.** T. Lamplugh to Williamson. I am troubled that you accuse me of neglect. I send another great letter from Sir Fras. Norris, with 60*l.*, 50*l.* for the public, and 10*l.* for Mr. Norris, with a token from his mother. Thanks for your French news. Let me hear often. [⅔ *page.*]

April 26. Weston. **115.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. I send 60*l.*, 10*l.* is for Ned's own purse. I see your influence over him continues, and I hope there is no difference. I wish he were more in love with your reading to him. Mr. Whorwood speaks of his son's coming home if mine does, but we must understand each other's intentions.

Do you discover an aptness in my son to the language? I should like him to write and read it. I enclose a letter to him from his mother; he will notice her motherly counsel; he is very dear to her. There must be clothes bought. [1 *page, damaged.*]

April 26. Approval by the Protector of 35 orders, 9–25 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 82–3.]

April 28. **116.** List by Edw. Whitwell and 2 others of 18 officers, harpooners, and steersmen for the Damosell, bound for Greenland, some not being yet shipped.

Also list by Jas. Baker and 3 others of 8 for the Spinner. [1⅔ *pages.*]

April 28. Plymouth. **117.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours desiring to know how the western parts may be associated in relation to convoys. The greatest trade for St. Malo and Morlaix is from Lyme, Topsham, and Dartmouth, who might have notice to prepare their vessels together and go under one convoy, but two or three vessels will be needful for their security, as they are numerous. The 5 frigates are now gone as convoys to Newhaven or London, but will return to their stations between Portland and Land's End

If vessels may not go without convoy, there will be 20 ready at once, and then on notice they should be taken to St. Malo or Morlaix, and fetched back when reladen. There are now several richly laden at Morlaix to come back, for which convoy is earnestly desired, and there will soon be some at St. Malo, richly laden, as this is the chief time of the year for cloth. The Dunkirk and Ostend men-of-war are probably lying in wait for them. I shall write to the merchants not to stir without convoy, and send the Sorlings for them on her return. Plymouth is the most convenient place for a rendezvous for Topsham and Dartmouth vessels trading to Nantes or Bordeaux. The ships for Newhaven are rich cloth ships, and go 4 or 5 times a year, those from Spain, Portugal, and the Straits only twice, and the frigates ranging the coast might convoy them. [2 *pages.*]

April 28. Dunkirk Prison. **118.** Capt. Rich Pettock to the Admiralty Commissioners. While attending, as ordered, the Broadhempson and Hastings fishermen at the North Foreland, I met a Dunkirk man-of-war near Pevensey, with whom I was engaged for an hour, and after my sails and rigging had been shot away, and several of my men were wounded, he boarded us with 100 men, and we surrendered, and were carried to Dunkirk, where I and my company of 37 persons are now prisoners. The Lords of Dunkirk will release the rest, but keep me prisoner till they receive the same number of their men from England. The Lords say that there are 2 of their captains with all their companies in York prison, and that if these are set at liberty, they will ever hereafter set at liberty all the English they have in Flanders. [1 *page.*]

April 29. Dover. **119.** Thos. White, Mayor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. The 36 seamen of the Cat Pink, taken by a Dunkirk man-of-war, have just arrived from Dunkirk in the packet boat, but Capt. Pettock is detained in prison there until as many of their seamen, together with a captain, are sent back in exchange, as there is one of their captains in prison in York; I entreat that he may be sent over so as to release Pettock. [⅓ *page.*]

April 29. **120.** Petition of John Fox and the garrison of Pendennis to the Protector. On the late reducement our chaplain was removed, and we have no ministry within 2 or 3 miles, which, if we attended, the enemy might take advantage. We beseech you to further the interest of our poor souls by settling a minister among us. With reference to Council, 24 April 1656. 149 signatures, 56 being by mark. [1 *sheet.*]

April 29. Order thereon in Council that — Flamock be settled as lecturer at Pendennis, and that the Trustees for Ministers grant him an augmentation of 40*l.* a year. Approved 6 May. [*I.* 77, *p.* 83.]

April 29. **121.** Petition of the Committee for receiving the accounts of the Commonwealth to the Protector. In Nov. 1652 we represented to Parliament our powers, our obstructions, and our services without salary or allowance. The case was referred to the Committee for Petitions and by them to a sub-committee, who reported that we had served $3\frac{1}{4}$ years and examined accounts amounting to 1,800,000*l.* without pay. Upon this the Committee for Petitions reported their opinion that John Greensmith and the 6 other members of the Committee should be allowed 200*l.* a year each for 3 years ending 11 Oct. 1652, in Irish or Scotch lands, and from 11 Oct. 1652 as long as they continue in office 200*l.* a year from the Treasury. This was to be reported to Parliament, but it rising before report was made, they have only had 200*l.* each on a Council of State order, which also made a proviso for the same payment to Thos. Richardson, one of their members, called to service in Ireland. 6 signatures. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

121. I. *Report from the Sub-Committee of Petitions alluded to, preceded by queries relative to how far the power of the Committee of accounts is modified by the Act of Pardon and Oblivion, and by the Act for Managing Sequestered Estates, of* 25 *Jan.* 1649–50, *and suggestion for an extension of their period for dealing with discoveries, fixed at* 2 *years,* 11 *Oct.* 1649. *Signed by Maj.-Gen. T. Harrison and Godfrey Boseville.* [2 *pages; copy.*]

121. II. *Order in the Committee of Parliament for trial of petitions, as alluded to in the petition, adding a request for* 500*l. to John Greensmith, one of the members of the Committee.* 10 *Feb.* 1652–3. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages; copy.*]

121. III. *Warrant by Council to the Treasurers of the Committee for Accounts to pay* 100*l. each to the* 7 *members.* 25 *Aug.* 1654. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; copy.*]

April 29. **122.** Reference by Council of the above petition to Fleetwood, Jones, Desborow, Strickland, Rous, and Mulgrave, to enquire and report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 85.]

[April 29.] **123.** Petition of Col. Wm. Crowne to the Protector, for payment of 37*l.* disbursed in Shropshire during the late insurrection [*see* 26 *July* 1655]. With reference thereon to Council, 26 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

123. I. *Certificate by Col. H. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury Castle, that Col. Wm. Crowne, the very day his Highness's Commissioners came to him, sent* 50 *horse and foot to strengthen it against a surprize intended for the next day, and kept them at his own charge, not putting the country to a penny's expense. Also certificate by Edw. Hanmer, clerk to Col. Crowne, that he saw the Colonel pay the quarters and charges of the men, and that it would be at least* 37*l.* 29 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

April 29. **124.** Petition of Col. Wm. Crowne to Council for reimbursement; his own payment for service he leaves to them, but he was 6 weeks in the service, and had to spend much money thereon. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

April 29. Order in Council for a warrant to Frost to pay him 37*l.* from Council's contingencies. Approved 12 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 88–111.]

April 29. **125.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Beck to the Protector. I was 6 years commander of ships for the State. Last year, being master and part owner of the Hopeful William of London, I went to St. Sebastian's. I was there embargoed from 30 Aug. to 9 Dec. 1655, and then my ship and goods, value 500*l.* were seized; I escaped, was brought by a Frenchman to Rochelle, and thence came to England Jan. 1655–6. I beg for my losses letters of reprizal against the Spaniards, or authority to seize such Spanish goods as I can discover. Also the command of a ship for present subsistence. With reference thereon to the Privy Council, 14 March 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

April ? **126.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Beck to the Protector and Council. I deserted merchandizing to my great prejudice, and engaged with the Trinity House against the revolters, gaining over many seamen and doing much service, and have commanded several vessels and been in 3 engagements with the Dutch. That service being over, I returned to the merchandizing, and bought and freighted the Hopeful William for St. Sebastian's. There she was seized last August by the ministers of the King of Spain, and I stripped of all, on pretext of damages done to the King by English ships in the West Indies. By this I lost 800*l.*, and my losses by servants, clothes, instruments, charges, debts, and interest since are 800*l.* more. Being in great extremity, I beg an order to the Admiralty Judges to set out a man-of-war to seize ships belonging to the King of Spain, till I have repaired my losses. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

126. I. *Depositions in the Admiralty Court on the capture of the said ship, by Geo. Street of Exmouth, co. Devon, Jacob Jezard of All Hallows, Barking, and Hen. Colequite of Redrife, Surrey.* 5 *April* 1656. [6½ *pages.*]

April 29. Order in Council for a warrant to the Admiralty Judges to grant him letters of reprizal against Spain for recovery of 500*l.* under the usual security, with the warrant accordingly. Approved 6 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 89, 98; *I.* 112, *p.* 304.]

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2. The petition and remonstrance of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers referred to Rous, Jones, Skippon, the Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to receive satisfaction from the trustees, prepare the same for his Highness, and wait on him with the trustees therein.

3. Approval of the augmentation granted by the said trustees of 38*l.* a year to the minister of Chipping Norton, co. Oxon. Approval of the Protector signified by the Lord President.

4. Several letters of 12 and 14 April from the Deputy Majors-General and Commissioners for South Wales, with a list of several persons secured as fit to be sent beyond sea, referred to the Committee of Council on the transportation of such persons, to report speedily.

6. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to allow an augmentation of 30*l.* a year to Mr. Payton, minister of Walton, co. Hunts. Approved 3 May.

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7. Capt. Pincombe to be empowered to appoint guards and watches at Foy, co. Cornwall, for its better security. Approved 12 May.

9. Order on petition of Andrew, Thomas, and Sarah Goodwin, the children of Wesell Goodwin, of Southwark, and on a report from Chris. Searle, Wm. Cooper, and Cornelius Cooke, on reference to them by the Protector of this petition, and a petition of John Pigeon, that the parties be left to seek remedy according to law in the usual way.

11. Order on Sydenham and Desborow's report according to an order of 16 April,—that the 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* ordered by Privy Seal to John Talbot, late receiver of assessments for co. Devon, in satisfaction for that sum taken up by Maj.-Gen. Desborow according to Council's order, for paying 8 companies of foot raised by Sir John Coppleston at the time of the late insurrection, is not yet paid, and so his account for the assessment is not passed, and his security is thereby subjected to inconvenience,—that Maj.-Gen. Desborow issue his warrants to the treasurers of the new militia money raised in cos. Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset, to pay 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* into his Highness's treasury, to be given to John Talbot. Approved 29 May.

12. Lieut.-Col. Jos. Hunkin, governor of the Scilly Isles, to seize for the State 64*l.* 2*s.*, a debt owing by John Pym, sen., of Scilly, to Rich. Beach, pirate and delinquent, and his receipt to be a sufficient discharge for payment thereof. Approved 7 May.

14. The Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Derby to consider the case of John Fretswell, and proceed therein according to their instructions. Approved 12 May.

17. The report of the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of the Earl of Berkshire and his creditors to be considered again at the next sitting of Council.

18. The petition of Dame Eleanor, the distressed widow of Sir Henry Peirce, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

19. Also the petition of Maj-Gen. Sir Hardress Waller.

20. The petition of Lawrence Maidwell, and the other chief clerks of the Court of Chancery read, and the question whether it should be referred to a Committee negatived.

21. Frost to pay out of the first Council's contingency money he receives the warrants still unpaid for Col. Roseworm's allowance.

22. Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Mulgrave, Pickering, and Desborow to send for the French merchants and vintners, and speak with them concerning the excessive price taken for French wines in London, according to the purport of to-day's debate, and to report.

23. Order on a previous order for payment of 1,004*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* to Lionel Beecher, out of moneys for Ireland, that the Treasury Commissioners call to account [*see* 1 *April* 1656] persons discovered by

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Beecher to have any of the said moneys remaining in their hands, and that the Grocers' Hall treasurers pay in all their remaining receipts thereon, since 30 Aug. 1654. Approved 12 May. *Annexing,*

127. *Report in the Committee for Petitions on which the said order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

25. Whereas the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, impropriators of Christ Church, had to pay 8*l.* a year each to 5 singing priests and choristers of Christ Church, and whereas the Committee for Plundered Ministers "taking notice of the superstitiousness of the employment of the said priests and choristers," on 4 April 1644, ordered that, as the places became void, the money should be paid to the minister of the church; and whereas on the dissolution of the late hierarchy, all such rents and arrears due since Dec. 1641 are vested in the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers,—order that the arrears to the minister being first paid, the said 40*l.* a year be henceforth paid to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved 12 May.

27. A draft order of 7 March last, on behalf of Methusaleh Turner and the rest of the Committee for clearing of claims, read and approved.

29. Order,—on request by Col. Art. Hill, scout master general Geo. Downing, and Wm. Rowe, appointed 12 Feb. trustees for the children of Mary Howard,—for further directions, permitting the whole 4,000*l.* mentioned in the former order [*see p.* 173 *supra*] to be laid out in lands for the use of the 3 sons, but charged with the 400*l.* each for the 3 daughters;—that as the said trustees cannot conveniently act, the money be trusted to Mary the mother, and her now husband Griffin Howard, on security to educate and maintain the children, and pay the daughters' portions, the surplus, till the sons are 21, to be for Mary's jointure. They to have power to let leases for 21 years or 3 lives, but the clear rental to be 400*l.* for the first 7 years, and 600*l.* for the last 14 years.

30. Council to meet on Tuesday and Thursday only in every week, till further order. [*I.* 77, *p.* 83–90.]

April 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the several Majors-General. Council lately signified by letter his Highness's and their order for reducing each of the militia troops of 100 to 80, which was to be done by each Major-General in his own jurisdiction. They have since ordered that those to be disbanded shall be paid up to 24 June next, to which effect you are to issue warrants to the treasurers of your respective associations to pay the captains of the several troops whose number of private soldiers is established at 100 as much money on account as would make up the pay of 20 men, that they may be reduced accordingly. You are also to order the captains to prepare 4 copies of the last muster roll, to keep one yourself, give one to the muster master and one to the Army Committee, and the 4th to remain with the captain. [*I.* 77, *p.* 841.]

April 30. The Gainsborough, Downs. **128.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorn to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have ordered the Redhorse pink to ply off the North Foreland with the fishermen, and sent the Pembroke with a convoy for Calais, and then to ply in the Narrow, until the Amsterdam ships are ready, and sent the Sparrow to Dover to clean. I hear from Mr. White at Dover that the packet boat has brought over 36 men belonging to the Cat pink, and that the captain is detained until another is sent in exchange. The ship that took her had 22 guns and 180 men; she defended herself very bravely until her masts were shot by the board, and then she was overpowered by the number of men. I will distribute these 36 men in the ships. The Hastings and Brighton fishermen are much dismayed at the loss of the pink, and none will go out without two convoys. I will content them if possible by sending another vessel to the Redhorse pink, and shall endeavour the same for Rye and Hastings. When more frigates come, I will keep two in the Narrow, and do my best to protect trade. I have much to do with vessels about convoys. [1 *page.*]

April ? **129.** Petition of Wm. Maister, mayor of Hull, Thos. Raikes and 23 merchants and mariners of Hull, for themselves and the merchants of York trading to the East Country, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Most of our trade is the vending cloth, new draperies, &c., to the Baltic ports, Sweden, and Norway; but by reason of pirates, our ships, richly laden, may be surprised without convoy. We beseech you to order us a standing convoy, to be at disposal of the mayor and Major Elton, deputy governor, and to send us one speedily, as we have ships here laden for the East Country, and ships there waiting to return. 25 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **130.** *Schedule of the said ships that wait for convoy.* [½ *page.*]

April. **131–150.** Private correspondence and papers of Capt. John Pearce, sen., of London, at Capt. Rich. Mills', King Street, Westminster, or at Jas. Wright's, St. Martin's in the Fields, or at his house at Horseydown, near the New Stairs. It consists of 15 letters, chiefly from his nephew, Wm. Pearce, at St. Ives, 19 Jan.–19 March 1655–6; draft of Pearce's will, with inventory of goods 13 Feb.; 3 writs for his seizure and imprisonment for non-payment of a debt of 12*l.* to Nich. Fisher, 18–20 Feb.; receipt by Fisher from Pearce of 27*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* in full of all dues from Thos. Rolfe of London, 4 April; and bond of Pearce in 12*l.* to pay Fisher 6*l.*, 5 April 1656. [21 *papers.*]

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May 1. **1.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Ware, co. Herts, to the Protector. Rich. Farrer, who obtained the presentation to our living, was rejected by 9 of the Commissioners for Public Preachers, yet he preached till articles were exhibited against him to the Commissioners of the county for Ejection of scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters, whereon the living was sequestered from him; yet he continues to preach as publicly as before, in the town called the Fryars, the inhabitants of which cannot procure an able minister so long as Mr. Farrer continues at or near Ware. Beg an order for his removal; 12 signatures. With reference thereon to Wm. Packer, Maj.-General of co. Herts, Col. Alban Cox, Isaac Puller, and Wm. Turner, to examine the parties, and report. 23 April 1656. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Articles before the Commissioners for Ejecting insufficient and scandalous Ministers in co. Herts, against Rich. Farrer, accusing him of lying, indecency, extortion, fraud, and violence. Signed by Thos. Meade and Hum. Packer.* [2 *sheets.*]

1. II. *Certificate by John Nye, registrar to the Commissioners for Public Preachers, that 9 of them rejected Farrer as disqualified.* 19 *Dec.* 1655. [½ *sheet.*]

[May 1.] **2.** Report thereon by Packer, Cox, Turner, and Puller, that the petition and articles are true, and that the peace of the town would be disturbed by Farrer's remaining there. [⅔ *page.*]

May 1. Order in Council thereon for the following letter. [*I.* 76, *p.* 92.]

May 1. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Packer and the Commissioners for securing the peace of co. Herts. On the above report, Council recommends you to deal with Mr. Farrer agreeably to your orders and instructions, and as you find most conducible to the peace of the town. [*I.* 76, *p.* 844.]

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2. Approval of the following augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers:—

		£	s.	d.
Andrew's, in Worcester,	co. Worcester	30	0	0
Woverley,	„ „	10	0	0
Rowley,	„ Stafford	10	0	0
Cluent,	„ „	10	0	0

The Protector's approval certified by the President.

3, 4. The Trustees, &c., for Sale of Bishops' Lands to forbear the sale of Downton Manor, co, Wilts, late the Bishop of Winchester's, and Col. Jones to hasten the report of the Committee on the paper concerning a matter now depending before Council relating to it.

6. Order on petition of Sir Rob. Shirley, now in restraint by his Highness's command,—for leave to go into the country to see

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his lady, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower for his return within 40 days—that it be not allowed.

7. Order—on report from the Commissioners of the Great Seal on the fees taken by Serjeant Middleton [*see* 18 *April* 1656], the affidavit of Mich. Baker, and another list of fees—that the Treasury Commissioners revise and compare them. *Annexing,*

3. *Report alluded to, that the fees should be as reduced by Parliament* 28 *July* 1653; *but those of the nobility, &c., not there mentioned, should continue as before.* 24 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

3. I. *Affidavit of Mich. Baker that the list of fees produced is correct, as being the customary fees, which he knows, as having been deputy to several serjeants-at-arms.* 23 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

9. Order on report from the Committee of Council on the business of money—that they have considered the certificate of the gentlemen to whom the business touching Whichwood Forest, co. Oxon, was referred, and think that the wall should be perfected according to the propositions agreed on by the owners of the lands within the ringhedge of the forest and the tenants; also that the 10 coppices, late Lord Craven's, should be re-purchased by exchange for other of his lands exposed to sale, and the 200*l.* raised by the said purchasers paid in towards defraying the charges of the wall—that the Treasury Commissioners treat with the purchasers, and confer with the Trustees for sale of the said lands, touching the proportions to be offered for the 10 coppices, and offer what is needful for this, and for carrying on the wall. Also that they give order for sale of decayed and dotard trees in the forest, value 200*l.*, towards the present carrying on of the wall. Approved 9 May. *Annexing,*

4. *Certificate alluded to, signed by Chas. Fleetwood and Nath. Fiennes.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

4. I. *Order by the Protector that the Treasury Commissioners consider how the wall of Whichwood Forest, co. Oxon, begun in the late King's time, may be finished, what the charge will be, by whom to be defrayed, and what adjacent coppices can be had by purchase or otherwise, for better preservation and increase of the deer, and treat with the said persons, the deer meantime remaining unmolested as formerly.* 28 *Nov.* 1655, *Whitehall.* [⅔ *page.*]

4. II. *The Treasury Commissioners to Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, Justice Atkins, Miles Fleetwood, John Cary, of Ditchley, and* 6 *other persons of quality in Oxfordshire. We beg you to inform us, from your knowledge of those parts, and from your readiness to his Highness's service, of what he desires to know respecting Whichwood Forest. Westminster,* 29 *Nov.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

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4. III. *Report, signed by Miles Fleetwood, Capt. Griffith Lloyd, Rob. Jenkinson, and John Cary, that the forest, containing* 16 *miles, consists, beside common land, of* 39 *coppices, whereof* 18 *belong to the State, and* 21 *are not rightly part of the forest, though the deer pasture there; of these* 21, 10 *belonged to Lord Craven, and sold, on sale of his lands, for* 3,017*l., which the purchasers are willing to exchange for other of his lands of like value, and to pay in* 200*l. which they have received for sale of underwood. That the other owners of coppices are also willing to treat for their sale. The wall will cost the State* 700*l. to finish, on the former conditions, viz., the owners of inheritance-lands to dig the stone, the tenants to carry it, the King to build the wall. That the Drury House Trustees should settle the exchange of lands, and all officers concerned see to the perfecting of the wall, and part of the money be raised by sale of the coppice woods.* [3 *pages.*]

4. IV. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners to the Protector, enclosing the said documents, which are referred to him.* 11 *March* 1655–6. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

11. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning an order of 24 April last, together with a list of all the vessels of war belonging to the State that bear 14 guns and under, and of their several stations—that these vessels cannot well be spared from the present service, nor perform their duties, and yet be ready for a sudden emergency elsewhere; and advising that 3 or 4 nimble vessels be hired, which would perform the service at less charge than if State ships were used;—that the Admiralty Commissioners provide 4 such vessels, and report. Approved 9 May.

12. The reports in the cases of Col. Art. Hill, Major Walters, Baron Tomlyns, and Serj. Keeble, to be considered on Tuesday.

13. **5.** The draft of an order prepared by Dr. Walker on the order of 15 Feb. last, agreed to, viz.: On information from the Commissioners of Prize Goods that before the universal reprisals against the King of Spain, there were several orders in the Admiralty Court for restitution of goods and proceeds of goods to Spaniards and Flandrians, which have not been executed on account of the said difference, his Highness and Council, considering that the King of Spain has not only made declaration and done open acts of hostility against these nations, but has seized the goods of the English in his dominions, and imprisoned them, think it just that seizures should be made in the Admiralty Court of all goods and proceeds of goods ordered to be restored to the King of Spain's subjects, and that they should be confiscated, according to the course of that Court in cases of universal reprisal; and his Highness's advocate is to move the said Court for the said seizures, and the Commissioners for Prize Goods are to deliver him written particulars of them. Approved 12 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 92–5.]

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May 2. **6.** Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. I have paid 100*l.*, which is returned to you by bill by Sir John Lowther on Mr. Morgan, a merchant in Paris. The bills are sent by Sir John, and by a young gentleman that comes to you for tuition. [¼ *page.*]

May 3. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders, 23 and 29 April. [*I.* 76, *p.* 95.]

May 5. **7.** Petition of Major Peter Ceely to the Protector. There is 1,000*l.* due to me for service as captain and major against the late King. Being governor 22 weeks of Poltimore garrison, before Exeter, I spent for it 200*l.* and received no allowance. I was the first prisoner taken up in Cornwall, and was 7 months imprisoned, losing 300*l.* by the King's party. Since the reducing of Cornwall, I have lost 1,500*l.* by pirates at sea. I have shown my good affection by acting as Commissioner of Assessments 5 years, justice of peace, and Commissioner for ejecting scandalous Ministers. During the rebellion at Salisbury, I got 150 horse and foot in a day's time, well armed, to oppose the rebels and prevent others joining them. I beg present supply of my necessities, and the remainder from discoveries to be made by me, some having had like satisfaction. [1 *page.*]

May 5. Reference thereon in Council to Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 96.]

May 5. **8.** Petition of Dan. Jones to the Protector, for an order to bring in witnesses to prove a discovery of 800*l.* due to the State, in the hands of 2 able men who can soon pay if required. Has been a great sufferer by these times. [¾ *page.*]

May 5. Order thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners to prosecute the discovery, allowing what proportion they think fit to the discoverer. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 96.]

May 5. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Ministers, of 20*l.* to the minister of Kingsbury, Middlesex. Approved in person.

4. The petition of Trevor Williams, of Usk, co. Monmouth, and certificate from the Deputy Major-General and Commissioners, in pursuance of his Highness's reference in the case, referred to its former Committee, to review the persons suspended from the penalties of delinquency, and report the case.

5. Giles Calvert, stationer, who has lately had printed some books reflexive upon the present Government, to appear before Council to-morrow.

6. Order on reading a letter from Mr. Hicks, in the name of the ministers of Cornwall, referred by his Highness to Council, that his Highness be desired to return an answer to the purport of what was offered him thereupon.

9. Order on Lord Strickland's presenting a bill, signed by Chas. Rich, his Highness's Avenor, containing the number of coaches and footmen that attended the reception and audience of the Swedish

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and Venetian Ambassadors, the bringing of the French Ambassador to dinner, and the Brandenburgher's agent to audience, and for performance of several single services, amounting to 201*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, that Mr. Jessop examine the said bill, and report thereon.

10. Mr. Secretary presents some letters from Mr. Meadows, his Highness's agent in Portugal, which were considered, and are to be again debated to-morrow. [*I.* 77, *p.* 96–7.]

May 6. **9.** Petition of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to the Protector. We have prosecuted Thos. Baker in the Exchequer, to recover large sums detained by him for first fruits, and also the ledger, books, evidences, records, and bonds about that revenue in his custody. He was adjudged to be sent to the Fleet for 4 insufficient answers to our bill, and for refusing to deliver up the books, &c., but he has concealed himself, and he prints and publishes scandalous papers, to obstruct us in receipt of the revenue, and to affright ministers from payment of their first fruits to us. Also by having the bonds in his hands, he procures first fruits to be paid to him. Thus the heads of the Universities, to whom they are chiefly reserved, cannot receive their augmentations. We beg your assistance to bring him to conformity, and obtain the books, &c. [1 *page.*]

May 6. Order thereon in Council, that all the books, papers, and bonds in Baker's custody, belonging to the First Fruits' Office, be forthwith seized and delivered to the clerks of the Council. With warrant accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 97 ; *I.* 112, *p.* 302.]

May 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Rous, Pickering, and Jones to send for the Trustees' for Maintenance of Ministers, and receive their account of the obstructions hindering their proceedings in the uniting of parishes and carrying out of the law, and to report.

3. **10.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners,—that the moneys allowed for relief of sick and wounded soldiers and their widows and orphans are, by letters patent, become payable to the Navy Treasurer, and no particular direction given to the Navy Commissioners concerning Ely House and Savoy Hospital,—that the said Commissioners order the Navy Treasurer to satisfy the money designed for the said hospitals to the respective treasurers thereof, who lately received it from the Exchequer. Approved in person.

4. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 29 April.

5. Order on several reports from the Trade Committee concerning leather and wool, and several examinations concerning abuses in those particulars, and touching the Island of Antigua, referred by his Highness to Council, that this day week the matter be considered ; the clerks to remind Council accordingly.

7. Order on petition of Sam. Vassall for payment of 2,591*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* charged on the excise, that a warrant be issued to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 150*l.* yearly for interest thereon, until further order.

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8. The Committee on—Manley's petition to hasten their report, and present it to Council at their next sitting.

9. The charge of the additional pay of the regiment now to be raised in Scotland for service in Jamaica, caused by advancing officers to higher commands, and raising other officers, to be paid out of ⅓ of the excise in Scotland not yet charged, and the Council in Scotland to take order accordingly, on advising with Gen. Monk, who is to signify speedily the amount of the said charge. Approved by the Protector, by his signing a letter to Gen. Monk, in pursuance thereof. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 97–9.]

May 6.
Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Capt. Henry Hatsell. His Highness and Council, hearing that the lading of the Daniel, brought into Dartmouth, was lately sold for the use of the State, desire you to have transmitted to them an account of what was thereby realised, and to see that the money is speedily sent in to the Exchequer. [*I.* 77, *p.* 845.]

May 7. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

4. The petition of Henry Tiddiman, commander of the Exchange, now in the Thames, for a warrant for exempting his ship's company, 30 in number, from impress, she being bound first for Newfoundland and then for Leghorn, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do as desired, if they see no cause to the contrary. [*I.* 77, *p.* 101.]

May 8. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Barth. Capel, for satisfaction for his vessel, the Mary, cast away in the service, out of some prize that is now in the river or shall be brought in, referred 26 Oct. to the Admiralty Commissioners, again referred by Council to the said Commissioners, to give such order as they judge meet. [*I.* 92, *No.* 493 ; 77, *p.* 103.]

May 8. **11.** Petition of Wm. Coxiter, master, and John Chadwick, merchant, of the Mary of London, to the Protector. Sailing for Teneriffe in October, I, Coxiter, called at Santa Cruz for directions from Don Simon de Herara, to whom the goods and ship were consigned. There we were forcibly taken into the port by a bark, and the captain of the castle committed us 10 days prisoners, without food or beds. He also boarded the ship, and though no resistance was made, wounded several of the men, and brought the ship into harbour, where it still remains. I begged his testimony how the ship was taken, and restoration of clothes, books, and papers ; also payment of the freight towards our maintenance, which was refused, and we hardly escaped with our lives. I beg that as some Spaniards in London refuse to pay freights for their goods which I carried over, and I suspect that they designed to betray me, as I was stopped before the embargo, and 8 miles from any harbour, I may have satisfaction from estates of the King of Spain's subjects here on my discovery thereof; or employment, being experienced in the language, or letters of marque, or some relief. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners. 18 March 1655–6. [1 *sheet.*]

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May 8. Order thereon in Council granting letters of reprisal to the amount of the damage, when proved in the Admiralty Court, to be issued by the Admiralty Judges on sufficient security. With the order to the Admiralty Judges accordingly, 9 May. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 104; *I.* 112, *p.* 306.]

May 8. **12.** Petition of Capt. Thos. Burton to the Protector and Council. Is employed by several merchants as master of the Tankervile, bound for the West Indies. Is willing to adventure his blood in the service, and begs a commission to seize any vessel of the King of Spain or other declared enemies who may molest him. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **12.** I. *Certificate by Martin Noel to his good conduct as commander at sea. Old Jewry, London,* 5 *May* 1656. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

May 8. Order thereon in Council that the Admiralty Judges grant him letters of marque on the usual security. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 104; *I.* 112, *p.* 305.]

May 8. **13–15.** Petition of Thos. Baker, of the First Fruits' Office, to Council. By virtue of your warrant, my house, trunks, desks, &c., were broken up, and on 6 May, the books, bonds, &c., belonging to the office were seized; the messengers also carried away without warrant my private evidences and papers, concerning others as well as myself, for want of which my cause may be lost in a present suit of law. I beg that these latter may be returned, and the office books, &c., not put into the hands of my adversaries, but inventoried and secured in the hands of the clerk of Council, that I may have access to them to defend myself against unjust suits, and clear my accounts. 3 copies. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page each.*]

May 8. Order thereon that Scobell and Jessop, clerks of Council, Edw. Cresset, Rich. Sydenham, Gab. Beck, and John Phelps, peruse and sort the books, bonds, and papers, and give an account to Council. Approved in person. [*I.* 76, *p.* 106.]

May 8. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and for uniting parishes, dated 22 Nov. 1655, for uniting the parishes of Aby and Swaby to the parish of Bellew, co. Lincoln, to be presented for his Highness's approval. Approved by the Protector.

2. Like order, on a certificate of Jan. 31, 1655–6, for uniting the rectory of Stowell with Hampnet, co. Gloucester. Approved by the Protector.

3. Like order, on a certificate of March 6, 1655–6, for uniting the parishes of Peter's, Allhallows, Nicholas, and Leonard, with the Chapel of Satwell in Wallingford, co. Berks; also the parish of Cromish Gifford, co. Oxon, with Mary's parish, Wallingford. Approved 8 May.

4. Sir John Winter to be required to deliver up to the Treasury Commissioners, according to a vote of Parliament of March 21, 1641–2, his patent of right to the Forest of Dean, or any wood or timber therein, and the Commissioners to send for it accordingly.

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5. To advise his Highness to appoint 2 justices in Eyre, one for the forests beyond, and the other for the forests this side the Trent.

6. Order on petition of divers officers of the army, that the draft of instructions to the Commissioners for surveying the four forests to be sold to satisfy several officers and soldiers, annexed to the petition, be committed to the Lord Deputy, Jones, Lambert, Lisle, Strickland, Desborow, and Sydenham, to report.

8. Order on the petition of John Tynte of Gotehurst, co. Somerset, praying exemption from the tax and other proceedings of the Majors-General and Commissioners, referred to them, to act as they think fit. Approved 12 May.

9. The paper presented to Council, for publishing the statute for erecting hospitals and workhouses, referred to Pickering, Lambert, Jones, Desborow, Strickland, and Sydenham, to confer with the judges, and report.

13. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on Sir Humphrey Styles' petition referred to the Lord Deputy, Strickland, Jones, Lisle, and Lambert, to report.

[His Highness present.]

15. The petition of Mat. Lister, and a certificate annexed to it by the Customs' Commissioners on a reference from his Highness, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, Pickering, and Lisle, to confer with the Customs' Commissioners or others, and report.

21. Gabriel Beck appointed to solicit the despatch of such public business as he shall receive direction for from Council or Mr. Secretary, and an allowance of 200*l.* to be settled on him. Approved in person.

23. Order—on a list certified by Vaughan, Sydenham, and Evershed, on the order of Council [*see* 9 *April* 1656]—that Hum. Jones pay to the several persons mentioned in the list the sums added to their respective names, amounting to 918*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, out of the 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* which he is to receive from fines in Scotland. Approved in person.

24. Lambert, Jones, and Sydenham to consider the petition of the labourers about Whitehall in the time of the Long Parliament, learn the fact, and report. Approved in person.

25. The petition of Lieut. Col. Rich. Bovett, of Taunton, co. Somerset, concerning a verdict obtained at common law against Sir John Stawell and Roger Newcourt, and an *eligit* laid on their lands, referred to Lambert, Desborow, Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham, to report. *Annexing,*

16. *Report of the above Committee that Bovett obtained a judgment against Stawell and Newcourt for* 1,240*l.*, *in part of his plundered estate, and he wishes it to be admitted as doubled money in the purchase of delinquents' lands; but as this is only ordered in case it be allowed by the Commissioners for Obstructions, they doubt whether his request should be admitted.* [1 *page.*]

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26. Lambert, Strickland, Jones, Sydenham, and Desborow, to consider the petition of Clement Kinnersley, his Highness's wardrobe keeper, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 101–107.]

May 8. The Speaker, before Cadiz.

17. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. Those in the fleet regret being idle. When we left England we expected to have done great things, and should have done but for slackness and false intelligence. The Spaniard keeps his fleet in, is strengthening his garrisons, and does not intend making any attempts upon us, but merely tries to weary us out, and we, with our present strength, are not able to molest him. We are too self-conceited and selfish. Men are troubled for want of prizes, but not that the work of God does not go on, and that we do no service against our enemy, one of the main supporters of the whore of Babylon. England's glory must be performed by England's self-denial.

The Portugal begins to be very jealous of us, and is afraid of his Brazil fleet, which is expected home in six weeks. He has denied the building of an English church in Lisbon, as the Pope and Jesuits will not consent, and no men are allowed to go further on shore than the watering place. The fleet is in good condition, and men healthy. We are expecting ships from Holland, laden with munition, and 2 great Holland merchantmen are stayed on suspicion.

The English fleet is much troubled by 3 gallies that come out of Cadiz every morning in calm weather, and as they keep beyond the guns' range, there has been a great waste of powder and shot on them without anything being done. [1½ *pages.*]

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18. Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Transmission of letters. Mr. Calander will order you credit if you want; he will send your goods with his next week, and follow them speedily. I hope to hear next post whether the King [of France's] money is current. We hear that the Cardinal is fled to Havre de Grace, and that the Parisians are ungovernable; also that the Swedes are worsted, which troubles us not a little. The provost was here, but he has forgotten to write. [⅓ *page.*]

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19. Petition of John Frederick, alderman of London, to the Protector. I was ordered to pay the value of the 11 bars of silver into the Exchequer [*see* 5 *March and* 18 *Dec.* 1655], which I have not done, because I claim to be the first discoverer, and made it known to you by your proctor and Col. Cock, and therefore I hope the usual favour of a moiety, considering my loss in buying the ship. I beg you to review the Admiralty report, and the narrative given in by me annexed thereto; also I beg a copy of Lady Darcy's petition, and a hearing before Council. With reference to the Privy Council, 29 April 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

19. I. *Statement before Ri. Tomlyns that on* 29 *Feb.* 1655–6, *Nath. Hearne deposed before the Barons of Exchequer, that the Anne, formerly the Mary of St. Malo, being cast away about Birling in Dec.* 1654, *the owner lost* 354*l.*, *the loss being the greater because the mariners, having some* *silver to secure, were diverted from securing the vessel.* [*Parchment.*]

19. II. *Notes on the case. Ald. Frederick waives any claim of his own to the silver in the interest of the State, though he thinks he paid for it in the price of the ship, for Lady Darcy's statement that he bought it cheap is untrue. The information which Frederick gave to his Highness preceded in time that of Lady Darcy, and therefore there is no colour that she should have any part of the value, which was* 282*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, *but the expenses,* 29*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, *left a balance of* 252*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* [1 *page; see* 5 *March and* 18 *Dec.* 1655.]

May 9. Reference thereon by Council to Lambert, Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, and Jones, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 110.]

May 9. **20.** Petition of the inhabitants of West Ardesley, *alias* Woodkirk parish, to the justices of the peace for the West Riding of co. York. The fair has been yearly kept on 2 days in harvest time, and was formerly for woollen cloth; but since the settling of a cloth market at Wakefield many years ago, no cloth has been brought there, so that it is now a tumultuous meeting of idle persons, where there have been lives lost, and the labourers neglect the harvest. The wares, except a few poor horses, are only peddling goods, which may be bought any market day at Leeds or Wakefield. We beg the suppression of the fair. 30 signatures, 4 being by mark. With note from Thomas Lord Savile and Earl of Sussex to Mr. Tempest, that though the fair is ancient, and belongs to him by charter, the justices can do as they please, for he would not have his profit stand against the good of the country. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 9. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Savile. His Highness and Council having received the above petition against the fair, doubt not that you, as lord of the place, will dispense with your own interest, and beg you to forbid the fair, and to signify this in the nearest market towns, and request that there may be no more meetings on pretence of the said fair. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 110, 846.]

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1. The Lord Mayor of London, and the other Commissioners for regulation of printing, to cause all the copies of "Choice Drollery, Songs, and Sonnets,"—a book stuffed with profane and obscene matter, tending to the corruption of manners,—to be seized wherever they are found, and delivered to the sheriffs of London, who are to order them to be burnt. Approved in person.

3. The seals prepared for Scotland by the engraver of the Mint and seals, and formerly offered for the inspection of Council, *viz.*, the Great Seal, Privy Seal, Quarter Seal, and Signet—approved, and to be sent to the Council in Scotland for use. Mr. Scobell to see them sent. Approved in person.

4. Order on report of the Committee on the case of Col. John White, ordnance officer, that his Highness and Council do not think that White should remain at present in the Tower, and therefore

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order that he present the name of a fit person to supply his place as deputy, till further order. Approved in person.

5. Order on complaint of misdemeanours by Fras. Townley at Hamburg, and affronts offered to Rich. Bradshaw, his Highness's resident there, that Rob. Palmer, sen., and 6 other merchants in Hamburg named, examine the charge against Townley, and the witnesses, and send their testimony to Council, that further order may be taken thereon. Approved in person.

6. Order on petition of Jacob Jacobson and John Leemknell, merchants of the Stillyard, London, for Paul Keate, master of the Winberch, also Hen. Meyer of the Catherine, Jochim van Caten of the Brewer, and Hen. Brandt of the King David, all of Hamburg,—shewing that the said 4 ships of Hamburg, being designed for Lisbon and Porte-a-Port, came 18 days since by contrary winds to the Isle of Wight, and having paid the usual duties for lights and anchorage, the wind turning favourable, they weighed anchor to continue their proposed voyage; but as they came past Yarmouth Castle, Capt. Wells, captain of a privateer that had weighed anchor with them when they first set sail, ordered them to come aboard him, which they readily did, and shewed their sea passes, letters, and papers, clearly showing they were bound for Portugal only; but nevertheless he detained them and still detains both masters and ships, though the latter are laden in part with corn and other perishable goods;—that the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker order the security given by Wells in the Admiralty Court to be put in suit; and if the Admiralty Commissioners find the statements of the petition to be true, they are to take speedy means to release the ships, and to consider the damage sustained, that Wells may give satisfaction for it. Approved in person.

8. The petition of Sir Wm. Killigrew, Hen. Horne, and Roger Sayer merchant, for themselves and company, referred to the Committee of Council for money, to report.

9. Scobell to prepare and bring in the draft for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from 24 June.

11. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 29 April and 1 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 108–110.]

May 9. Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council have heard that according to their former order, Col. Read, delivered Wm. Howkyns 1 suit of tapestry hangings of the story of Noah, containing 8 pieces; a second suit of 7 pieces, 7 turkey carpets, 4 feather beds, 4 rugs, 4 blankets, 3 bolsters, 1 quilt; also that Col. Cobbett delivered to him 4 pieces of tapestry hangings of the story of the labours of Hercules, which by order of 2 April were delivered to the Sequestration Commissioners till his Highness's pleasure therein should be known. They now order that all the above be sent hither, and delivered to Clement Kinnersley, keeper of his Highness's wardrobe, to be used for his service here, and you are desired to send them accordingly. Approved 12 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 111, 847.]

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May 11. **21.** Examination of Antonio de Ponto and 4 others as to their knowledge of Antonio Roderigo Peremena, *alias* Robles, a Jew, who lived many years in the Canaries as a papist, and since his return to England, has attended mass at the Spanish Ambassador's house.

Also examination of Robles himself. Has been 4 years in England and been at the ambassador's mass; his parents were Jews and died of torments by the inquisition. He has not been circumcised. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

May 12. Approval by the Protector of 16 orders, 7 March—9 May. [*I.* 77, *p.* 111.]

May 12. **22.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Williamson. Delay in transmission of letters. On the first news of your stock running low, I send you 50*l.* as from Mr. Carbonell, and Sir F. Norris 50*l.* I hope your credit has prevented any prejudice by its not coming sooner. I am sorry you can give no better account of your pupils getting the language. Tell Brome he should now give me some account of his labours. Deal plainly with me or you are to blame, and tell me how Brome spends his time. You have had time enough to try your power, and if that will not serve, I will try mine. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 12.
London.
23. Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. I will send a bill of exchange soon. Last post I sent one from Sir John [Lowther] to his son, and you have another from him enclosed. Private affairs. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

May 13. **24, 25.** Petition of Rob. Abbott, scrivener of London, to the Protector. In 1643 I was taken to be in the plot of Waller, Tompkins, and Challoner, only for knowing of it, and sequestrated till August 1645, when to free myself, I compounded. In your late declaration, you say that if any who have adhered to the late King's party can say with truth that they have changed their interest, and will live peaceably in future, they shall be dealt with accordingly. I have long lived peaceably and paid all taxes, and never bore arms; I was not at all concerned in the late insurrection, and my livelihood depends on my credit, which if involved with that party, will be ruined. I therefore beg to be freed from the present proceedings against delinquents, and to carry on my profession. With reference thereon, 20 Nov. 1655, to Ald. Sir Thos. Vyner and Chris. Pack, and their report in favour of the peaceable demeanour of the petitioner. [2 *copies*, 2 *pages each.*]

May 13. **26.** Reference thereon by Council to the Majors-General and Commissioners for securing the peace of the Commonwealth in London. Approved the 14th by his Highness signing the original order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 112.]

May 13. **27, 28.** Petition of Thos. Baker to Council, that his books and papers may be perused by indifferent persons, and not as ordered 8 May, by Cresset, Sydenham, and Phelps, who are engaged in an Exchequer suit against him, and procured the warrant for seizure, or that his cause may be first heard, and that he may bring an action at law against those who have, without warrant, seized his private papers. [1 *page*, 2 *copies*.]

May 13. Order thereon that if the referees find any private papers belonging to Baker or any one else, they return them. [*I*. 77, *p*. 115.]

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1. To advise that James Read, prisoner in the Tower, be allowed to depart out of England, on good security not to return nor act prejudicially to the State. Approved in person.

2. Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, and Lambert, to hear what Vice-Admiral Goodson's wife has to offer concerning herself, and report.

3. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Duling Salmon 200*l*. on account of the contract for the equitable right of the children of Eliz. Salmon in the manor of Westcourt, Gillingham parish, co. Kent. Approved in person.

4. Fras. Thompson added to the Committee for forged debentures.

5. The words "for the time being" to be added to the orders of 10 May and 31 August 1654, for payment of salaries to the Admiralty judges out of the Customs after the words "Commissioners of the Customs." Approved 30 May.

6. The draft of a proclamation presented by Mr. Secretary for settling the city of Dordrecht, approved by the Attorney-General, read, the words Scotland and Ireland added, approved, and to be presented to the Protector.

8. Order on report from the Commissioners of the Great Seal approving the fees specified to be taken by Henry Middleton, serjeant-at-arms. Approved 14 May. *Annexing*,

29. *Report alluded to, with a list of fees as ordered above, compiled from the* 2 *previous lists; see* 18 *April and* 1 *May* 1656. [1½ *pages*.]

12. The petition of Geo. Churchey of Weymouth, co. Dorset, praying exemption from the extra tax on delinquents, and a certificate annexed, referred to the Major-General and county Commissioners.

14. Order—on information that at the instance of Hum. Smith, Geo. Watson, a bailiff, arrested Newman, one of his Highness's guard, and that it was done with manifestation of an intended indignity to his Highness—that Smith and Watson be sent for in custody.

16. Sir Thos. Pride, high sheriff of co. Surrey, to bring to Council, under the hand of the justices of assize for the same county, a certificate of the several persons now in the common goal who have been convicted and reprieved, with the particulars of their crimes, and grounds of their reprieves.

17. The clerk of Council to deliver to the corporation of hostmen of Newcastle a copy of the petition of the captains, masters, and

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owners of the ships trading for coal to Newcastle, now depending before Council.

18. The report from the Commissioners on trade and navigation of April 18, presented according to his Highness's reference on the petition of Jacob Momma, merchant of London, concerning the imposition placed on copper in Sweden, and the buying up of all the copper there; also certain reasons why it will at present be difficult, in any treaty with Sweden, to moderate the imposition on copper, referred to the Trade Committee, to consider the reasons, speak with the petitioner, and report again.

20. The petition of Elianor, widow of Major John Forgizon, who, being in Gen. Venables' regiment, was slain at Hispaniola, referred to Mr. Hodges, Bowes, and the others to whom the stating of arrears to officers and soldiers in the American expedition is referred, to state the case, and report.

21. Also the petition of Amary, widow of Lieut.-Col. John Clarke.

23. Order—on petition of Robt. Coker of co. Dorset, that the estate of his father Robt. Coker was in his lifetime decimated, that he is now dead, and his lands descended to his son, who has served Parliament all through the war; and on certificates from the county Commissioners signifying his faithful services—that the decimation be taken off. Approved 30 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 112–6.]

May 13. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. Lieut.-Col. Brampston being designed to repair speedily to Jamaica, Council have allowed him 100*l.* towards the charges of his outfit, whereof 50*l.* has been furnished out of the Council's contingencies, and think fit that the other 50*l.* be paid out of the 3rd part of the excise in Scotland; they desire you to give order for its speedy payment accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 847.]

May 13. Proclamation by the Protector:—The merchant adventurers of England have for ages enjoyed privileges here and abroad as a corporation, and on 12 Oct. 1643 Parliament ordained, for the regulation of that ancient and great trade of clothing, that they should continue a corporation, and that none others should trade into the parts limited by their charter on pain of forfeiture of goods, provided they excluded none from their fellowship who desired it by way of redemption, on paying 100*l.* if they be free and inhabitants of London, or if not, 50*l.*

The fellowship is and has been authorized to select places in Germany and the Netherlands, with consent of the chief governors thereof, for their residence and mart, and since the late peace with the States General, they have chosen Dordrecht in Holland for their mart and staple, and have entered into a treaty with it by our consent. We therefore, with the advice of our Council, ratify their charters and treaty, and require all the merchant adventurers in Holland to remove to Dordrecht, and carry on their trade there only. We also forbid the export of the woollen manufactures of England, Scotland, or Ireland, to any other towns in Germany or Holland but the staple towns of the merchant adventurers, on pain of forfeiture.

The ministers of justice, Customs' Commissioners, &c., are to assist the merchant adventurers in the support of their government and regulation of their trade. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 848–9.]

May $\frac{13}{23}$. Antwerp. John Walter to Sec. Nicholas. On the 22nd, C. S. [Charles Stuart] with Lords Ormond and Rochester came here. I visited them this morning and received much kindness, and delivered letters to Ormond. There is other business in hand now than seeking money. They are mightily in hopes, and have still designs to make friends in England. They have designs on some towns, and I believe I shall be employed in the business. I know not how you can write to me safely; my name hereafter will be John Halle. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{14}{24}$. Paris. **30.** Claude Georges to Williamson. I send you letters for 2 of your gentlemen; pray remember me to them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 15. **31.** Petition of Hanserd Knollys [patron of the church] for the inhabitants of Scartho, co. Lincoln, to the Protector and Council. Our parish church is much decayed, and the spire ready to fall. We beg your order to Thos. Clayton and 5 other inhabitants to take down the spire, and in 3 years' time to repair the south aisle and other parts of the church. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. *Certificate by the inhabitants of the dangerous condition of the church, and of their authorizing the above petition.* 13 *March* 1655–6; 9 *signatures,* 4 *being by mark.* [1 *page.*]

May 15. Reference thereon in Council to Commissary Whalley, Major-General of co. Lincoln, to give such order as he thinks fit. [*I.* 77, *p.* 120.]

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1. Capt. Cotterell, apprehended on a warrant from Council of April 7, 1655, and now in prison at Poole, to be brought before Council in custody, to answer the charges against him.

2. Order—on information that Hen. Emeley caused —— Anthony, bailiff of Middlesex, to arrest Dr. Owen, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford and Dean of Christchurch, at Whitehall Gate, where he was coming to attend public service—that Emeley and Anthony be brought in custody to Council to answer the charge; Rous, Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to examine this business, and report.

5. A certificate from the Committee on Trade and Navigation, of March 3, 1655–6, returned on his Highness's reference on a petition of the merchants trading for Norway, referred to Lisle, Strickland, Jones, Wolsley, Fiennes, Mulgrave, and Sydenham, to advise with the Trade Committee, send for persons and papers to examine, and report.

7. Gabriel Beck to attend the Committee to whom the certificates from the Trade Committee are referred whenever they appoint; the certificates and other papers to be delivered to Beck.

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8. Order that the Somerset House Trustees for Sale of the late King's Goods assign the bills of exchange drawn from Scotland,—authorizing them to receive from the Guildhall Treasurers the moneys returned from Scotland in part of 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* to be paid out of Scotch fines for the creditors and servants of the late King,—to Hum. Jones, treasurer for the said goods, that he may pay the creditors and servants as directed by Council.

9. Order that [Rich.] Sydenham, [Rich] Vaughan, and [Thos.] Evershed, enquire who among the said creditors and servants are poorest (not including those in the former lists whose debts do not exceed 40*l.*), and certify their names and debts, not exceeding 1,200*l.* in the whole. *Annexing,*

32. *Report as ordered, addressed to Cols. Lambert and Jones, that there are eight large creditors very poor, but their payment in full would take up* 1,151*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, *and suggestion that they should be paid* ⅔ *and the balance would pay off* 70 *warrants yet unpaid, all under* 10*l.*, *and for very poor people.* [1 *page.*]

32. I. *Note to similar effect, giving* 5 *other names refused warrants by the Committee, as being too late.* [*Scrap.*]

32. II. *Note of several warrants issued by Lambert and Jones.* [¾ *page.*]

10. Order that Hum. Jones pay 822*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* to the persons returned in a list by Sydenham, Vaughan, and Evershed, of those whose debts are under 40*l.* Approved 30 May.

11. To advise his Highness to authorise the Treasury Commissioners to pay Rich. Lucy, Thos. Manby, and John Hildesley, Judges of Probate of Wills, 300*l.* each for one year's salary ending May 9.

12. Order—on report from the Committee of Council appointed to consider fit salaries for the Army Committee—that from the Army contingencies, Col. John Clerk, chairman of the Committee, and James Philips, a member who has no other public employment, be paid 300*l.* each yearly salary, with arrears from their last payment, and that the Army Committee issue warrants to the War Treasurers for payment of the said arrears, and of the salaries as they fall due. Approved 30 May.

13. The petition of Joan, Countess of Marlborough, referred by his Highness to Council, read.

15. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers as follows, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Tipton, Stafford - - -	10	0	0
Hornsey, Middlesex - -	20	0	0
Evesham, Worcester, 2 Ministers -	130	0	0
Ditto, Schoolmaster - -	10	0	0
Broadway, Worcester - -	24	0	0
Cam, Gloucester - - -	38	0	0
Cobham, Surrey - - -	20	0	0
Richmond, York - - -	20	0	0

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	£	*s.*	*d.*
Swafham, Norfolk - - -	50	0	0
Biggleswade, Bedford - -	40	0	0
Cople „ - -	25	0	0
Wingham, Kent - - -	20	0	0
Malling, „ - - -	20	0	0
Wigmore, Hereford - -	30	0	0
Lentwardine, Hereford - -	30	0	0

Approved by the Protector, 20 May.

16, 17. [His Highness present.] Order on petition of the sons and executors of the deceased Sir Wm. Dick, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir And. Dick, for himself and the rest of Sir William's children, 3*l.* a week till further order; the clerks of Council to consider how it may best be distributed amongst the children, and see it so distributed. Approved in person.

18. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a good frigate to receive and send on to England from Dieppe Robert Rich, grandson of the Earl of Warwick. Approved in person.

24. The Admiralty Judges to thoroughly examine into the misdemeanour of Capt. Welsh, of a privateer,—who took 4 Hamburg ships in Yarmouth Roads, under command of the Castle, and forced the skippers to pay him 25*l.* a piece rather than lose a fair wind by detention,—by what commission Welsh acts, and who are his securities, and to report, such proceedings being "reflexive on the honour of our nation and injurious to strangers." Approved in person.

25. The report from the Committee on a former report of the Treasury Commissioners—concerning the salaries of the auditors of Exchequer and receivers-general of counties, being limited by their patents to such fees as his Highness and Council approve,—approved, with the addition of 1*d.* to the 13*d.* a pound allotted to Sam. Bedford, Receiver-General for co. Bedford, and 4 other counties, and his Highness to be advised to grant each auditor a salary of 300*l.* a year, to be paid by the receivers in the respective divisions, and allowed on their accounts, to begin from the quarter day before the date of their patents, except Auditor Wingfield, who surrendered a former patent of 4 Oct. 1654, and whose salary is to begin from Michaelmas 1654.

26. Order that the said auditors have liberty to take fees as in a list annexed, varying from 20*s.* to 1*s.*

27. Order that the receivers-general have their salaries by way of poundage for themselves and their messengers and agents, and that it be paid in proportions specified to 14 receivers named, who have each a county or counties assigned, the poundage varying from 2*s.* in North Wales to 8*d.* in co. York, and the value of the receipts therefrom estimated at from 386*l.* to 120*l.*

28. The Receivers-General of the Revenue to have liberty to take the like poundage of all particular persons to whom they pay money,

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otherwise than into the receipt of the Exchequer, or to the auditors or officers of that receipt, by warrants grounded on letters patent or Privy Seals from his Highness, and from persons who pay money to them, such fees for acquittances as have been heretofore accustomed.

29. To advise his Highness, by letters of Privy Seal to each of the receivers, to authorise them to defalk on their accounts the poundage for money paid into the Exchequer according to the above proportion, which the auditors are to allow on their accounts.

30. The Treasury Commissioners to present to his Highness and Council at the end of the year the total receipts of the receivers-general of the several counties, that it may appear whether a defalcation should be made from the proportion of poundage allowed to any of them.

31. Geo. Vynes and Rob. Carvile, constituted by patent keepers and joiners of the tallies in the Exchequer Court, hitherto called the Deputy Chamberlains, to have each 40*l.* salary, and his Highness to be advised to issue a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners accordingly.

32. The keepers and joiners of the tallies in the Exchequer Court to be authorised to receive fees, a list of which is given, varying from 6*s.* 8*d.* to 1*s.*

33. Council to meet to-morrow morning, the former order notwithstanding. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 116–126.]

May 15. **33.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I send a bill of exchange. I received 60*l.* of Sir Fras. Norris, 10*l.* being for your cloth, &c., which I have packed and sent off. Money transactions. [¾ *page; damaged,*]

May 16. **34.** Petition of John Felgate, Eliz. Hodgson, Joseph and other younger children of the late Phil. Langdale, Alexius Vodka, Pet. Travers, Mat. Appletree, Edw. Peasley, John Cross, John Osbaldeston, Fras. Everard, Edw. Walmisley, Thos. Turner, Thos. Norris, Rich. Girlington, Edward and other children of Rob. Molineux, Rob. Eeston, Thos. Beesley, John Scott, Rob. Moore, Thos. Whitehead, Rowland Place, John Hall, John Travers, Mary Fortescue, John Marsh, Wm. Broxholme, Chris. Bate, Rob. Hoole, John Fynch, John Hunt, Hen. Charnley, Edw. Gillard, Thos. Aldridge, Chas. Walgrave, Sir Geo. Cary, Wm. Morgan, Alice Alston, Hugh Potter, Rich. Shuttleworth, John Barnesley, John Keyte, Jonathan Langley, Rich. Latham, Jas. Jones, Thos. Molyneux, Sam. King, Thos. Bedingfield, Sir Willoughby D'Ewes, Matthias Hunter, Thos. Walton, John Burne, and others whose claims are depending before the Commissioners for estates under sequestration, to the Protector.

By an Ordinance of 10 Feb. 1653–4, the said Commissioners were empowered to let or dispose of all the remaining sequestered estates, examine all claims thereon, allow such as were charged before sequestration, and issue orders for payment of quit rents and issues, with arrears since 24 Dec. 1649.

Upon this we made out their respective claims before the said Commissioners, and have been at great expense in their prosecution, some having spent ½ of what they hope to receive, and others being so poor that they must relinquish their right if they have to begin anew. We are informed that on directions from the Treasury Commissioners, the County Sequestration Commissioners forbear hearing claims, and thus we are deprived of our just rights. We beg that commissioners may be appointed to hear and determine our claims, and that their orders may be observed by the revenue officers in the counties. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

May 16. **35.** Petition of Sir Thos. Barker to the Protector. On 10 June 1643, I was taken by you at Lowestoft, and imprisoned on suspicion of design, till I proved on appeal to the House of Commons that I came there that morning at request of my brother, to take him to my house 12 miles off, and had only been ½ an hour when you came with some forces; that I was never there before, and knew no one there, on which I was discharged Aug. 1653. Yet the Commissioners for Decimation in Norfolk will decimate me for this business, unless I get a discharge from you. I have never been a delinquent, and do not come under your late declaration, therefore I beg discharge, or suspension of decimation, till the matter is settled. With reference thereon by the Protector to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

35. I. *Order in the Committee for Examinations for Barker's discharge, he deposing that he came to Lowestoft at request of his brother Edward, to dine with Thos. Knyvett who was going over sea, that he was never there before, and had only* 32*s. with him.* 28 *July* 1643. [⅔ *page; copy.*]

35. II. *Order in Parliament thereon for discharge of Sir T. Barker, prisoner in Southwark,* 5 *Aug.* 1643. [⅔ *page.*]

35. III. *Order by the County Commissioners that Sir T. Barker be decimated or assessed, unless he procure a discharge before* 30 *May, as he was imprisoned in* 1643. 16 *April* 1656. [⅔ *page; copy.*]

May 16. **36.** Petition of Sam. Block, appointed yeoman of the guard to the late King in 1627, to the Protector, for relief, having a wife and 6 children, and no maintenance. In 1652, the Commissioners at Somerset House for sale of the late King's goods granted sums to the servants and creditors, but he being ill, received nothing. In 1653, another payment was ordered by the Revenue Commissioners and 20 nobles assigned to him, but countermanded before payment. He was ordered 10 nobles on attending at Com.-Gen. Whalley's Committee at Whitehall, but has received nothing. [1 *page.*]

May 16. **37.** Petition of Mary, widow of Capt. Wm. Spearing, to the Protector. My husband left his calling, and served under Lord Brooks in the late war, spending 150*l.* which is unpaid, nor has he had his arrears for many years' service, in which he fell ill and died a year ago, leaving me and a daughter in great want. Also 90*l.* is due to me with interest, lent on public faith in 1642. I beg payment by doubling or otherwise from Dean and Chapter lands of the said 90*l.* with interest, those lands sufficing to discharge all securities and engagements with some overplus. With reference signed by the Protector to Council, May 1, 1656, requesting them to take some course for her relief. [1 *page*.]

May 16. Reference thereon in Council to Sydenham, Lambert, Jones, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 126.]

May 16. **38.** Petition of Anne Mansell to the Protector. In 1643, my father, Sir Ant. Mansell, being much in debt, delivered me a trunk with 1,300*l.*, saying that he had therein provided for me, in case he died without making further provision. Soon afterwards he died, leaving me at 12 years old to the care of my uncle, Dr. Mansell, who, on the importunity of Sir Thos. Lewis, of Penmark, and 3 others, lent them my money, on their written promise of repayment. This money really belongs to your Highness, since your access to the government, because my father, being outlawed, could not dispose of his personal estate. I beg you out of charity to grant me your interest in the 1,300*l.* [1 *page*.]

May 16. Reference thereon in Council to Mulgrave, Jones, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 97, *p.* 128.]

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1, 2. The reports of the Excise Commissioners on the petitions of divers artificers in copper-gilt, and silver wire, and of the refiners, gold-wire drawers, and others, to be considered next Tuesday.

4. Sir John Chichester and Mr. Seymour to be discharged from the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms.

5. The report from the Scotch Committee, concerning proceedings against papists in Scotland, to be considered next Tuesday or Thursday.

6. Order, on certificate from the Trustees for Dean and Chapter lands, on the petition of John Adams (a poor blind minister) [*see* 28 *Aug.* 1655], that the said trustees pay him 20*l.* which is to be in full of all arrears of his pension, and of the pension itself in future. Approved 30 May. *Annexing,*

39. *Certificate by the Trustees alluded to, that all grants and augmentations from Dean and Chapter lands were made void by Act of* 30 *April* 1649, *and to cease* 6 *Jan.* 1649–50, *which included that to Adams, but from pity his stipend of* 13*l.* 6*s.* 4*d. was allowed a year longer. The Act for the Sale of Rectories, &c., of* 16 *Oct.* 1650, *has removed most of the* 100*l. a year from which he was paid to other trustees, yet they have since given him* 15*l.*, 3*l.*, *and since his last appeal,* 28 *Aug.*, 5*l.*, *which is all they have left. As the* 100*l. was intended for distribution amongst many, if he is relieved from it, many others will apply.* 12 *March* 1655–6. [2 *pages*.]

39. I. *John Adams to Maj.-Gen. Skippon. My whole claim is* 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, *of which I have received in all* 28*l.* *I beg you will obtain my arrears, being* 45*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, *and the continuance of my stipend. My family want clothes, and I am helpless, harbourless, and much in debt.* [1 *page*.]

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7. The Committee for Durham College to meet next Thursday at the place appointed; Col. Lilburne added to the Committee.

8. A letter from the Council in Scotland of 8 May 1656, concerning fines in Scotland, and the papers sent therewith referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

9. The paper of particulars of supplies desired for the garrison of Landguard Fort referred to Sir J. Barkstead, Maj. Hezekiah Haynes, Col. Bridges, Lieut.-Col. White, and Col. Bisco, to consider what supplies are necessary in this time of war with Spain, and report.

10. The Lord Mayor of London and the other Commissioners for regulating printing to cause all copies of "*Ex otio negotium*, or Martial's epigrams translated"—being stuff tending to the corruption of manners—to be seized and delivered wherever found to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, who will order them to be burnt.

11. Mr. Sydenham, Bowes, Hodges, and Fillingham to meet for consideration of the arrears of pay to the forces in America, in the Painted Chamber, Westminster, and those who keep the key of the chamber to take notice.

12. The said referees to consider the petitions of Elizabeth, widow of Vincent Corbett, Major in Col. Ant. Buller's regiment, and Elizabeth, widow of Col. Step. Rose, who died in the service at Jamaica, state their cases, and report.

13. All petitions for arrears of pay for officers or soldiers now or late in Jamaica referred to the said Committee, to state their cases, and report.

14. A report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning the estate of Lloydarth, co. Montgomery, of 2,500*l.* a year, sequestered as Herbert Vaughan's estate, referred to Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Strickland, and Lambert, to report.

15. Maj. Gen. Berry, or such as he shall appoint, to view Shrewsbury garrison, consider its defects, what repairs must be made, and at what charge, and report.

16. Order, on a letter from the Council in Scotland of 3 Jan. 1655–6, about the several necessary uses of the Great Seal of Scotland, that the Great Seal be forthwith sent to the Council in Scotland, and his Highness advised to appoint Commissioners to keep it, till further consideration is had for its disposal.

18. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 2,000*l.* to John Embree, the surveyor, for repairs of his Highness's houses.

19. Order, on report on the petition of Ant. Rodrigues Robles [*see* 25 *April* 1656] that the stay of ships, and seizure of goods, books, and papers ordered 14 March be discharged, and he be at liberty to dispose of his goods. *Annexing*,

40. *Report alluded to by the Admiralty Commissioners, that they cannot ascertain whether Robles is a Spaniard or Portuguese, but he went to the Canaries, and was employed under one of the farmers of the King's revenue, and there and in England has professed himself a Romanist and*

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frequented mass, but they can give no opinion on the business. 14 *May* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

20. To prepare a letter and direct it to those whom Lord Lambert shall appoint, for taking care that the usual oath be administered to such as hold the office of justice of peace in co. York.

21. The report from the Committee of Council on the Exchequer in Scotland,—shewing that they think the commission for establishing an Exchequer Court there is not contrary to the laws of Scotland, but that the proposed additional powers desired are, by Act of the Scottish Parliament in 2 Charles, limited to the Lords of Sessions, and cannot be used by the Exchequer Court,—agreed with, and his Highness to be advised to appoint—

John Swinton,	Wm. Lawrence,
Wm. Lockart,	Hen. Goodyere,
Sam. Desborow,	Alex. Peirson,
Geo. Smith,	Sir James Lermont, and
Ed. Moseley,	Andrew Kerr,

as Judges of Exchequer and also Lords of the Sessions, with all powers granted to such by the late King, to act according to the laws and statutes of Scotland and the Ordinance of Grace and Pardon. Also to advise the appointment of a Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer there.

22. Whereas on 2 April, 2 men were reduced in each troop of horse in England for the pay of his Highness's lifeguard, and of the 12 to be reduced out of Col. Tobias Bridges' regiment, only 6 were transferred to the lifeguard, because more than 2 were transferred from some other troops, so that there is due to the other six 98 days' pay at 2*s.* 3*d.* each a day, total 66*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* ;—order that the Army Committee give warrant for payment of the same. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 126–130, 133, 178.]

May $\frac{16}{26}$. Paris. **41.** T. Ross to Nicholas. I rejoice that your health is better, and that you are able to set out for *Flanders*, where I hope mine will now find you without loss of time. The importance of those I gave *the Duke of York* may well excuse my application that way, as I knew no other way of sending to *the King*. The *Duke* ordered me, and *the King* fortifies the command, to let him know weekly what I have of consequence. What you say of *Armorer's* sending a duplicate of those letters to *the King* might infer levity in me, but I had a letter for him, referring him to those letters, and it being late when I met him, I had to leave them in his hands; if he transcribed them, you must not blame me, nor suppose I imparted it to many because I did to him and *the Duke of York*.

I have one letter from *Hopton* since his arrival in England. He and *Pile* are to follow their business together in the country. I hear nothing of *Mart. Clifford* and the rest of the perjured promisers. *My wife* has taken great pains to follow them, and having no one else to write, has ventured to write to you herself, and send you hers to me. Col. Veall is a very worthy person. *The Earl of*

Strafford is going to live in Lancashire, with his wife's mother, and if *the King* has any business there, I can procure a servant of *Lady Strafford's* mother, and a confidant of her husband's, to carry *the King's* commands to *Lady Strafford* to serve *him* there. I wrote a fortnight since to *Lord Gerard* about a young gentleman here, *Lady Strafford's* brother, whose mother wants me to have his governance, and if *the King* travels, she would send him with him in a good equipage. Ask Gerard if *he* had my letter, and let me know *his* pleasure.

This King is said to go to the campaign next week. Col. Lockhart, the Protector's agent, whose doors here are still shut close, attends him in the army. It is believed the levies in England for this country will come slowly, those for Sweden being more important, and hardly procured, and the Protector recruiting his army, out of which, and some levies formerly made, he has sent in both fleets near 20,000 men, so that it is now difficult to raise men as well as money. I hear that *Cromwell* is much troubled that he cannot get to know more of *the King's* affairs. *Lambert's* clerk is here. I want to know your mind about him. [2 *pages ; italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

May 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the Commissioners for Survey of church livings in co. Wilts, with the representation of the Commissioners of co. Wilts annexed, referred to Rous, Wolsley, Skippon, Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland, to consider and report.

2. The consideration of the addition of persons to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers to be resumed next Thursday.

4. Council to sit at 4 this afternoon.

5, 6. Col. Rich. Ingoldsby and Edm. Thomas added to the Trade Committee. Approved in person.

7. The petition of Thos. Horton, D.D., and the case of Dr. Whistler, referred to the Great Seal Commissioners, to advise with the judges, and report. Approved in person.

8. The petition of Ant. Tuckney, public reader of the Divinity Lecture of King Henry VIII.'s foundation in Cambridge University, referred to the Commissioners of the Great Seal. Approved in person.

10. The Earl of Clanricard to have licence to stay 6 months in England on his former conditions, and to go to the waters at Tunbridge. Approved in person.

11. An augmentation of 60*l.* a year to Mr. Dell, master of Caius College, Cambridge, to be continued, the order of 4 April 1654 notwithstanding. Approved in person.

17. Approval by the Protector of 8 orders, 13–15 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 131–3.]

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Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council, having received from the Swedish ambassador a request on behalf of Lord Cranston, and desiring to know the full state of the business concerning his estate, its value, whether it belongs all or in part to the State, or if otherwise disposed of, to whom, and what debts are charged on it, they recommend you to certify the same to his Highness, that answer may be sent to the King of Sweden. [*I.* 77, *p.* 854.]

May 21. **42.** Sir Rich. Hare to Williamson. I have but just heard that you have taken goods, value 30*l.*, from Hum. Robinson, bookseller, at the 3 Pigeons, Paul's Churchyard. I have paid him, and now I send you a bill of exchange, which will be paid at Saumur. Send me a receipt, and tell me what you hear from Lady Lowther about her son's allowance, and her intentions concerning him. I have been much away from my sister lately, and am unsettled, and going into Norfolk. Commend me to your sister and my nephew. [1 *page.*]

May 22. **43.** Petition of the master, wardens, and company of gardeners of London to the Protector. King James, by patents of 3 and 14 James, incorporated the gardeners within 6 miles of London, and they drew up regulations for themselves, which were approved by the lord chancellor, lord treasurer, and chief justice; and the late King, 10 Car., by proclamation inhibited several abuses which had crept into the trade. Yet these regulations have long been contemned by persons who have never served as apprentices, nor been admitted to the company, yet use the trade without knowledge, and sell useless and corrupt trees, plants, and seeds, so that the trade is injured, and many who have been apprentices are without a livelihood. Beg that as their trade, if well ordered, is useful in producing food, and setting thousands of poor to work, their charters may be confirmed, and their opponents not allowed the privileges and authority of the company, so that those bred to it may proceed with alacrity. [1 *sheet.*]

[May 22.] **44.** Petition of Col. Edm. Harvey, Ald. Rob. Tichborne, and Mark Hildesley, and of Hildesley as executor of the late Dan. Taylor, Commissioner of Customs, to the Protector. We have delivered the auditors our final account, ending 25 March 1656, which is most sad to us, as it brings us in debtors 23,000*l.*, for which we throw ourselves at your feet. Dan. Taylor being dead, and his heir within age, moneys cannot be raised to pay his share without an extent. We are the first who ever engaged to make good the whole receipt of customs, and in times of great interception of trade with Holland and Portugal, and prohibition of French commodities, we yet improved the customs several hundred thousand pounds. The rest now on our account is the whole arrear of 2,200,000*l.*, and it appears by the account of our predecessors, that in a less sum than a million, 40,000*l.* is lost by the collectors of outports, &c., which they were not obliged to make good. Of our debt of 23,000*l.* there is 4,000*l.* in lands, houses, leases, and fee-farm rents of Capt. Langham's, and 7,000*l.* his debts and security, and 2,000*l.* is still in the hands of our port collectors, which cannot be quickly made money of. The remaining 10,000*l.* will be a heavy burden to our estates if required of us. We therefore beg leave to pay the 13,000*l.* to the late Navy victuallers, and ½ of the remaining 10,000*l.* (of which we have paid in 1,098*l.* 16*s.* 0½*d.* to-day) in a month, and the other ½ at the declaring of our account. 19 May 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

[May 22.] **45.** Like petition addressed to the Protector and Council. [1 *sheet.*]

May 22. Reference thereon in Council to Sydenham, Desborow, and Jones, to consider how the moneys due may best be brought in, and to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 135.]

May 22. **46.** Petition of John Taylor, scrivener of London, to the Protector, for letters patenting for 14 years his invention of a better way of making white salt out of bay. It is commonly powdered and engrained with iron rust, and deprived, by evaporation in too violent a fire (to make it sooner precipitate), of its best piercing qualities, and rendered apt to dissolve into water. Has learned how to preserve these qualities. Can also so improve earth as that it shall in a short time yield a great quantity of saltpetre. Both inventions are advantageous, the one for the food of the people, the other for easing the common grievance of breaking up their floors; but as many workmen must be employed, it will be impossible to keep the secret of the invention. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council. May 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

May 22. Reference thereon in Council to Jones, Strickland, the Lord Deputy, Pickering, Wolsley, Lisle, and Mulgrave, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 138.]

May 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on petition of the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London, governors of Bartholomew's Hospital, of the foundation of Henry VIII., on behalf of the sick and impotent harboured there, concerning the 40*l.* a year payable to 5 singing men, *i.e.*, 8*l.* each, with arrears—confirming the order made by the trustees on 29 Feb. last, and confirmed by his Highness and Council, 29 April.

2. Order on the desires of some merchants, suspending the proclamation for settling the staple at Dordrecht, that the Trade Committee receive all papers and petitions relating thereto, reconsider the whole business, and report. Approved in person.

3. Order approving a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of May 6, that the parish of Northover, co. Somerset, should be united to that of Ivelchester, and a parcel of Socke Dennis parish united to Ivelchester and Northover. Approved in person.

4. The former Prize Goods' Commissioners to be discharged from their office, and the new Commissioners to enter on the management of their affairs at the office in Bishopsgate Street; the former to deliver to the latter by inventory all ships, goods, wares, and merchandize, sold or unsold, now in their hands in the Port of London, or any outports; also a perfect inventory of all debts now owing to the Commonwealth in right of the Prize Office. Approved 23 May.

5. The Jamaica Committee to consider a report of the Admiralty Commissioners on 6 months' provisions for 4,000 men for the fleet

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and forces there, and consult with them as to quality and quantity, that they may be provided accordingly.

6. Two thirds of the money due by Col. Harvey and the late Commissioners of Customs to be applied to the preparing of the said victuals.

8. Lambert and Desborow to withdraw and confer with the Admiralty Commissioners about the business now in debate. Skippon added to the Committee.

[His Highness withdrew.]

9. The petition of John Lyme,—stating that being engaged in the business of Colchester, he was committed to the town of Yarmouth, and is still detained there, and praying his liberty on the same terms that were allowed to others,—referred, as it was before by the Protector, to the Major-General, to set him at liberty on those terms, if they see no cause to the contrary.

10. The petition of Sir Thos. Wiseman, of Essex, and a certificate from the Major-General and Commissioners of Essex, on a reference from his Highness, referred to the same, to do what is fit to discharge the petitioner from being proceeded against.

11. Like reference on the petition of Sir Ralph Verney, and a certificate from the Deputy-Major-General and Commissioners of co. Bucks. Approved 30 May.

12. Order on report from the Commissioners on renewing charters for corporations—shewing that they had considered the petition of the mayor and corporation of New Sarum, praying that their charters might be renewed, and the circuit and precinct of the close of New Sarum, with St. Nicholas' Hospital and other privileges inserted; and that they had also considered the old charters, one of 9 James, and the other of 11 Charles, and some alterations and additions proposed, and some clauses to be inserted concerning the close and hospital,—to advise the confirmation by patent under the Great Seal of the said charter, with the desired changes, the persons whose names are in a paper annexed to be the first officers of the corporation.

13. To advise the acceptance of the resignation of Col. White as ordnance officer, and the conferring of the office on Major Lewis Audley, nominated by White, who was requested to give in the name of a deputy.

14. Order that the charge expended by the Somerset House Trustees about receiving the money assigned to them by bills of exchange out of Scotch fines be reimbursed to them, and that Sydenham, Vaughan, and Evershed examine the disbursements, and certify. *Annexing,*

47. *Note by the Trustees for sale of the late King's goods. They were ordered by his Highness and Council to receive 9,857l. 19s. 3d. of Geo. Bilton out of the Scottish fines, and to appoint a treasurer therefor; whereon they sent a person to Scotland, who, after long stay, procured a bill of exchange for half, except a small sum which he had to*

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take up of Bilton for his charge. They beg allowance of this charge out of the money now to be received on the bill. Endorsed "Capt. Foach, his note about disbursements in getting the returns from Scotland for the late King's creditors." [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

16. A letter from the bailiffs of Yarmouth, of 19 May 1656, with a list of English prisoners at Dunkirk and Ostend, praying their release by exchange; a petition from Rich. Malbon on behalf of Nathaniel, his son, a prisoner at Ostend; and a petition of Rob. Blackleck, mariner, for release of Peter Rumbout, prisoner at York, in exchange for himself and ten of his company, who were released from prison at Dunkirk on promise to obtain Rumbout's freedom,—referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to order release or exchange, as they see cause.

17. Approval of an augmentation of 20*l.* by the Trustees for Ministers to Warmington, co. Northampton. Approved 30 May.

19–21. Orders confirming certificates from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of April and May 1656, for uniting the parishes and rectories of West Clandon and Merrow in co. Surrey; those of Easton Bavent and Roydon, co. Suffolk, to the Chapel of Southwold; and for dividing the township of Moston and half township of Charleton, co. Chester, from St. Mary's parish in Chester, and uniting them to Backford parish. Approved 22 May.

22. Order adopting a report on the petition of Anne, daughter of Sir Ant. Mansell [*see* 16 *May, p.* 324, *supra*], that as she was an infant at the time, she should have the benefit of the debt, the said outlawry notwithstanding. Approved by his Highness's signature of the bill. *Annexing,*

48. *Report alluded to,* 20 *May* 1656. *Signed by Strickland and Jones.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

23. The Committee on the arrest of Dr. Owen to hear Hen. Erneley, at whose suit he was arrested, consider the whole business, and report. Lisle and Wolsley added to the Committee.

24. The petition of Moundeford Bramston, of Little Badow, co. Essex, to be relieved from entering into security and paying $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate, and several certificates concerning his peaceful demeanor, assistance against the enemy, and sending in of provisions for the army before Colchester, referred to the Deputy-Major-General and Commissioners of Essex, to act therein according to justice. Approved 10 July.

[His Highness present.]

25. An order of this day approved by the Protector.

26. **49.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners about the providing of 2 ketches to carry 200 men to Jamaica—that they be provided as men-of-war, and remain there sailing from place to place, and that they carry as many extra men as they can. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

49. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee referring the above order to the Navy Commissioners, to enquire where*

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2 nimble sailing ketches of 70 *tons may be had, and to certify the terms.* 23 *May* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

28. The petition of Wm. Robinson, shewing that he prosecuted Morris Sisson for words spoken against his Highness, and that Sisson, being acquitted by the petty jury, prosecuted him and another on an action of conspiracy, and recovered 50*l.* against him, referred to Jones, Strickland, Sydenham, and Lambert, to report.

35. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of this date. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 133–142.]

May 22. Whitehall. Council to all the ports. We understand by letters received to-day from Flanders that there are 19 or 20 private ships of war gone out of Dunkirk and Ostend very lately, to attempt somewhat either upon the merchant ships or upon some place on the coast. We therefore give you due notice to take care of yourselves, both at land and sea. We have despatched a squadron of ships to try to meet with them, and clear the seas of them. [*I.* 77, *p.* 852.]

May 22. London. Levant Company to their treasurers at Smyrna. His Highness being pleased, by his letters of revocation now sent, to recall Mr. Lawrence, formerly agent to Constantinople, you are before he goes to pay him what remains due of his salary, at the rate of 4,000 dollars, also 500 more towards his return, either by giving him the money or accepting and paying his bills of exchange as he likes; and you are to see that he returns to the treasurer at Constantinople such goods as he formerly received there towards an intended present. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 270.]

May 22. Levant Company to Rich. Lawrence. You will receive your letter of revocation from his Highness herewith. We have ordered the Smyrna treasurers to pay up your allowance, and 500 dollars for your return, according to contract, in such manner as may suit you best; and you are to restore the goods you formerly received of our treasurer towards an intended present, if it be not done already. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 270–1.]

May 23. Approval by the Protector of the several orders of the 22nd about prize goods and Commissioners, presented by Mr. Scobell. [*I.* 77, *p.* 142.]

May 23. Order by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners, to issue a warrant to the ordnance officers to deliver 6 barrels of gunpowder to Maj.-Gen. Haynes, to be disposed by him to Yarmouth, and there secured by Major Burton, and 4 barrels to Lynn, to be secured by Major Toll. [*I.* 112, *p.* 312.]

May 23. Whitehall. Like order to Major Thos. Toll, by advice of Lieut.-Col. Styles, to repair 6 carriages for the fort at Lynn, the expense of which shall be repaid. [*I.* 112, *p.* 312.]

May 23. Whitehall. Like order to Major Burton, by advice of Col. Brisco, to repair 6 carriages on the fort at Lowestoft, 8 for the fort at Yarmouth, and 8 for the service of that town. [*I.* 112, *p.* 312.]

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May 23. / June 2. Paris. **50.** T. Ross to [Nicholas]. I shall tell our friends in England that you are going to the King as they will be pleased. *Sir Edw. Hyde* is that correspondent of *Armorer* whom *Hopton* was ordered by his friends to avoid, but *Armorer* will be unable to wrest that business out of *your* hands. I shall be on my guard with him to avoid scandal. I have sent to enquire from *Pile* who *Halsey's man* is, and who the servant sent to you by *Cromwell*. Have you got *my wife's* letter, giving you particulars of the business which *Douce* is sent with to *the King?*

I have enquired after *Lambert's* secretary, who came hither with *Cromwell's* factor; a pernicious dissembling knave he is, and shall be used as you will have him. *I* spoke freely thereon to *Col. Chas. Finch* here, and he has engaged his honour that if *the King* will accept it as a service, he will have the man arrested by trusty serjeants and sent to *Flanders*, where *the King* may get out him all he knows, and such a pledge may advantage you.

The soldiery here think the Cardinal will bring them to a battle this year, if possible; if conqueror, will stand on his terms; if conquered, will make himself the author of a peace so universally desired. The English agent attends the King everywhere, but has little satisfaction.

I never wanted a general order from our master for money, because an ill use has been made of such things, but I want a grant of what I can beg from those who are willing to lend him money, that I may serve you, and be redeemed from the chains that lie on me. Lord Gerard promised when he left to help me therein. What is his mind about Mr. Stanley?

P.S.—I hear that *Hopton* and *Pile* are still in the country. Blake is ordered to attend the return of the Portugal fleet from Brazil. [2 *pages; italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

May 24. London. **51.** Sir John Lowther to Williamson. I find from my son that my letters to him are missing; they commended improvement in his style and matter, and reproved some excess in expense; he must not exceed the allowance of a younger brother, but I find by cousin Northleigh that he is too much given to tennis. Tell me his faults that I may use my authority to cross them. Be circumspect of his carriage, and remove occasions of folly from him. I will send the salary, and if the fruits answer our hopes, I will be mindful of you. Can you receive a youth of 17, son of a special friend of mine, who is to be sent to France, and if so, at what allowance? [2 *pages.*]

Ostend Goal, 26 May 1656, (which was the age of the old world when it was drowned). Alex. Rowley to the King. Pray have compassion on the miserable estate of your poor servant who presented the great sphere to you, being then at Richmond, a little before the war began, and since dedicated my book, called the Scholar's Companion, to the Princess Elizabeth, your sister. Since then I have been 6 times imprisoned for speaking my conscience against their wicked proceedings, and my goods taken away 4 times. At last I fled to Holland, lest they should take life and all, and have remained a year, but never could present my service to you. My wife writes that she has neither clothes nor shoes, and our children cannot help themselves. I was returning privately to help them, when I was taken by an Ostend frigate, and though a poor passenger, imprisoned with the rest, where I must perish unless you, remembering my services long since, acknowledge me as your servant, which the Lords of the Admiralty here say is the best means of my release. This I presume to beg of you for Christ's sake. Endorsed by Nicholas, &c., 18 June 1656, Alex. Rowley's letter to the King, whereupon the King got Mons. d'Oigent to get him released. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

May 27. **52.** Petition of Richard Turpin to the Protector, for 100*l.* a year for life, in lieu of a pension of 500*l.* a year settled on him by patent from King James, to whom he was of the bedchamber; 12,000*l.* is in arrear thereof, and he is blind and has three children. With reference thereon to the Privy Council, 27 Oct. 1655, and note of recommendation by Commissioner Fiennes. [½ *page.*]

May 27. Order thereon in Council for payment to him of 20*s.* weekly till further order. [*I.* 77 *p.* 143.]

May 27. **53.** Petition of William Churchill of Dorchester, co. Dorset, to the Protector and Council. During the late wars, Dorchester being left to the rage of the King's party, to prevent its utter ruin and destruction, I was prevailed on, by importunity of the chiefest men, to be deputy-governor, for which my land stands charged with $\frac{1}{10}$, though I was discharged from delinquency both by the county Commissioners, and in London, having shown my affection to Parliament in person and estate. I beg discharge therefrom [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **53.** I. *Certificate by John Bushrod, mayor, and 7 others of Dorchester, that the King's party possessed the town by violence, and Sir John Hele was made governor; that after much injury done by the Cavalier party, and a threat to fire the houses, the chief magistrates persuaded Churchill to be deputy-governor; that he never did any act of hostility, but protected those who had else been ruined by the enemy.* [¾ *page.*]

May 27. Reference thereon in Council to the Major-General and county Commissioners, to do as they think meet. Approved 30 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 143, 157.]

May 27. **54.** Petition of Fras. Rolle to the Protector. I was several years a commissioned officer, and was disbanded in March 1646, when, after all deductions, 317*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* remained due to me. I beg payment from such concealed lands and moneys as I shall discover. With reference 13 May 1656 to Council. [1 *page.*]

May 27. Order thereon in Council that he be paid out of the moiety of his discoveries, his accounts being stated 10 Jan. 1649–50 by the County Commissioners of Devon. Approved 30 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 145, 157.]

May 27. **55.** Petition of Chas. Lloyd, deputy-governor, and the merchant adventurers to the Protector. Fear their affairs will be brought to great disorder by the suspension of the promised proclamation to settle their staple at Dordrecht, and the submitting the whole case on the request of some merchants, to a re-hearing; they could have cleared all objections, if they could have obtained copies of those addresses and reasons, but in "this darkness" set forth as follows:—

1. At the late treaty with Holland, they represented how they had had a settled mart in the Netherlands since 1596.

2. Not being provided for in the Articles of Peace, they informed you that though several towns invited them to return, it was on condition that their privileges should be continued, when you assured them they should not be prejudiced by the omission, referred them to Council, and in October 1654, granted them letters to the States General and Provincial, and to the towns of Rotterdam and Dort.

3. Last January they told you of their treaty with Dort, and you promised them the proclamation now so impugned.

4. They have done nothing surreptitiously or hastily, for the case has lasted since April 1654.

5. The objectors cannot pretend surprise, as the proclamation was grounded on an order of Parliament of 1643, granted after all opposers had been heard.

6. As this proclamation allows the plaintiffs to enter this corporation, no starting hole is left them but to decline government of the trade.

Beg consideration of the consequences of the suspension, as they have taken leave of Rotterdam, and ordered all their factors in the United Provinces to remove to Dort, where many have taken houses, and put the town to great charge in providing for them. Beg that the proclamation may take effect, and will submit to trial afterwards. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

55. I. *Reasons presented by Mr. Kiffin to Council, why the woollen manufactory should not be confined to a company, as taking away liberty of free export; abridging the freedom of London citizens; discouraging clothiers, weavers, and dyers, by giving the company power to use them as they please; oppressing trade by giving the large traders undue advantages over the inferior traders, and limiting other countries to buy in the places and quantities, and at the times they please.* [1 *sheet.*]

May 27. Reference thereon in Council to Fiennes, Lisle, Jones, Rous, Pickering, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Strickland, to meet to-morrow, hear both sides, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 145.]

May 27. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have employed John Child to go over to France to make provision for canvas there for the navy, and that they have intrusted him with the improvement of 22,000 French crowns received from Jersey, which are to be transported to such part of France as may best suit—that the Customs' Commissioners allow Child to export the said crowns custom free.

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3. The petition of Goodyeare Hopton—for payment out of moneys thereto assigned of his arrears for attendance on the younger children of the late King till Nov. 1645, and of a pension of 140*l.* a year allowed him by the then Parliament, 432*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* being due before Sept. 1642, and payable out of the late King's goods,—referred to [Rich]. Sydenham, Vaughan, and Evershed, to examine whether this be within the rules for distribution of the money ordered to be paid out of the Scottish fines, and to certify. *Annexing,*

56. *Report thereon that the* 432*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* *most insisted on is part of* 1,566*l.* *mentioned in the petition, which was due before* 30 *Sept.* 1642, *and that the Act for sale of the goods, &c., of the late King orders the proceeds to be for debts contracted before the late war, on lists presented by the Trustees for their sale; Hopton's name not being in the list allowed by Parliament, he cannot be paid out of the Scottish fines; but in the last folio of this list* [*see* 16 *Jan.* 1656] *his name occurs as recommended by his Highness and Council, with others, most of whom have received part of their money, but he nothing; he should therefore have a special order for relief, having received no pension since* 1650, *and losing the arrears not due before the late wars.* [1 *page.*]

5. A certificate from the Commissioners of co. Dorset on behalf of Gregory Gibbs, whose estate is decimated by the said Commissioners, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners to discharge him if it be equitable. Approved 13 June.

6. The report of the Trade Committee, on the petition of the promoters, contrivers, and inventors of the framework trade, referred to the Committee of Council on other reports from the Trade Committee.

7. The petition of the inhabitants of St. Ives, co. Cornwall, for an augmentation of 50*l.* for their minister out of the impropriation of St. Keverne parish, excepted out of Sir Thos. Hale's composition, referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to consider how best an augmentation may be provided, and report.

8. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Ministers of 23*l.* to Bedingham, Sussex. Approved by the Protector 30 May.

9. A certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 6 March 1655–6, for dividing the hamlet of Tufley from the parish of Mary-de-Load, city Gloucester, and uniting them to the parish of Whaddon, in the county of the city, approved and confirmed. Approved by the Protector, 29 May.

10. A like certificate, of 6 March 1655–6, for dividing the hamlet of Sembridge in Upton St. Leonard, in the county of the city of Gloucester, and the farm and manor of Matson, from St. Leonard's parish, and uniting it to Matson parish, except a stipend of 16*l.* a year payable to the Minister of St. Leonard's, approved. Approved by the Protector, 29 May.

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11. The petition of John Winchcombe, of Henwick, co. Berks, and that of Jane Enser, widow, and papers annexed, referred to Sydenham, Wolsley, Jones, and Strickland, to report.

12. The Treasurers for Sale of estates forfeited for treason to give in their reasons to Pickering, Lisle, and Strickland to-morrow, why they do not pay Philip Tandy 50*l.* according to an order of 23 April.

13. Sydenham reports from the Commissioners appointed to find fit persons to examine miscarriages of Trustees and Surveyors for sale of forfeited estates the following, viz., Peter Brereton, Edm. Wingate, Rich. Sydenham, Ralph Hale, and Rice Vaughan, as fit persons. Approved, and Geo. Johnson added to them.

18. Hum. Smith, taken prisoner for procuring the arrest of one of his Highness's guard without leave, to be set at liberty by the serjeant-at-arms.

19. To recommend the Commissioners for Discoveries to assign some fit employment under them to Hen. Dewell, a person of honesty and merit.

21. Order on the petition of Major Peter Ceely,—setting forth that 1,000*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* is due to him for services to Parliament, as stated by the Committee for Accounts,—that the said sum be paid out of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of concealed lands, goods, or money to be discovered by him, and the Treasury Commissioners are to examine and certify his discoveries from time to time. Approved 30 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 143–147.]

May 27. **57.** Order by the Committee of Council on Sir Corn. Vermuyden's case, committed to the Attorney-General and 3 others, 30 Aug. last, that the said persons consider the business, and certify. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Brief notes of previous proceedings thereon in the said Committee.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

57. II. *Letter from the said Committee to the lords of manors adjoining Sedgmoor. On reference to us by the Protector of the petition of Sir Corn. Vermuyden* [*see* 29 *Aug.* 1655], *we find that King James accepted* 4,000 *acres, and agreed to transfer the remainder for common land, and that King Charles granted the* 4,000 *to Vermuyden, and issued a commission to divide the same from the rest, which was not carried out because of the late troubles.*

As he desires renewal of the commission, we signify the same to you, that if you have anything to offer, you may do so on 11 *Oct. next, when we shall consider this business, and we wish you to give notice to the rest of the lords of the manors concerned, and to attend yourselves if you have anything to allege.* [*Draft;* $1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

57. III. *Ralph Horsey to Sir Corn. Vermuyden. I have received notice that you are going about the enclosure of Sedgmoor.*

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I am glad of it, and you shall have my best assistance. I hope we shall have the allowance agreed on for our manor of Horsey. I will give my consent under my hand. Present my love and service to your lady. 30 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

57. IV. *Deposition by John Weykes, gentleman, that he has delivered to John Harbin, one of the lords of the manor about King's Sedgmoor, the letter of Council, and that Harbin caused his son to copy it and then sent it to Mr. Prynn, who was to deliver it to the other lords of the manor.* 30 *Oct.* 1655. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

57. V. *Certificate by Thos. Wingfield that he delivered Council's letter to the lords of the manor near Sedgmoor, on* 17 *Sept. last, to Sir John Strangways, acquainting him that it was to give him notice of Vermuyden's dividing and improving the moor, and he replied he wished with all his heart it were taken in.* 2 *Nov.* 1655. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

57. VI. *Geo. Johnson to Sir Corn. Vermuyden. I wrote Mr. Dodington, lord of several manors bordering on King's Sedgmoor, and he answers that he thinks the improvement of the waste will benefit both the owners of the soil and those that have right of common, and that he will advise all with whom he has any interest to consent thereto.* 4 *Nov.* 1655. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 27. Ostend. Jas. Moyes to the King. I am one of your gunners who was sent for Barbadoes, and coming home was taken by an Ostender, and am prisoner here with 20 Scots, who have likewise great hopes of your obtaining our release. As you have been always our greatest hope, we expect now that you will stand our friend, and we will be your faithful servants by sea or land. Endorsed as received, 10 June 1656. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

May 27. **58.** Petition of Thos. Offley to the Protector. Being servant to the late King, I waited on him some time during the wars, but left him 5 years before his death, and have lived 12 years peaceably, ignorant of any designs against Government, and acquiescing in Providence, which pulls down one and sets up another. Through payments to the State, being surety for others, and debts owing to the common calamity, I am brought very low, and beg to be saved harmless from decimation. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 28. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Wm. Goffe and the Committee for Safety, co. Sussex, and to Wm. Parker, Deputy Major-General, and the like Committee in co. Herts. His Highness and Council wish you to discharge Offley from all further proceedings upon your instructions. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 146, 854.]

May 28. **59.** Petition of Michael Hawke, gentleman, to the Protector. Prays some office, or to be placed over some county at the next vacancy, as they are filled up before he knows of them. Has always acted in the interests of the Commonwealth, especially in writing a book on

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public law, defending the present Government from the attacks of the envious. Has thereby induced several Royalists and other seditious persons to change their opinions, but has brought on himself the hatred and vengeance of many, by reason of whose threats he has not a farthing. Is ready to meet death in behalf of the chief of the State. [*Latin*, ¾ *page.*]

May 28. **60.** G. Thorn. [Dick Pile to Ross?] The enclosed will show you the probability of my making the sum you desire. I despair not to provide it, so that in a month you may satisfy your creditors, and look your proud adversary in the face. [¼ *page.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *W. N. to Pile? A friend of Col. Veale will furnish me, on my bond alone with* 1,500 *men towards our project on a week's notice, provided he may be admitted to share our patent, which I need not scruple to promise. We might else have been put to our shifts to procure such a sum.* He will find it at a day's notice if required. I need not come to town about Mr. Waller, and I ought not to stir hence, so do not summon me except on necessity.* 21 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

May 28. **61.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Lest my first bill of exchange miscarry, I send a second by Mr. Calander. Transmission of moneys; state of exchange. I received 60*l.* of Sir Fras. Norris, and send an account of my disbursements for you; I hope the goods will come to hand. I shall soon receive the 3rd volume of the Bible, completing the Old Testament, and leaving only the Apocrypha and the New Testament. I must make your 4th payment. Mr. Calander can have things sent to Nantes, which will save much in the post. [1 *page.*]

May 29. **62.** Petition of the inhabitants of Hill-Bishop, co. Somerset, to the Protector. Being almost past hope of having a godly able minister settled among us, our means being only 20 nobles a year, we recommend to you Nath. Charlton, our present minister, who is holy, useful, and well affected, even to blood and imprisonment. We also have had our goods plundered and our houses burned, and we are 500 or 600. Some years ago Mr. Charlton had 50*l.* a year granted from Sir John Stawell's parsonages, but received nothing, they being overcharged. We beg the settlement of the 50*l.* elsewhere. 41 signatures. [1½ *sheets.*]

May 29. Order accordingly in Council to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved 30 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 148, 157.]

May 29. **63.** Petition of Capt. Peter Stanley to the Protector and Council. At the beginning of the war, I raised a troop of horse and one of dragoons for the service, and did good service, as proved by a certificate of the Commissioners of co. Chester. I ran 1,000*l.* into debt, for which I pay interest, and 1,400*l.* is due to me for service, but I have received nothing. I beg an order to Maj.-Gen. Worsley and the Commissioners for co. Chester to seize a debt of 24*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* of a delinquent, if I can prove that it is not compounded for, and to give it me as part of my arrears, and an order to the Commissioners for sale of lands on doubling in Ireland, to allow me to double on my debentures for land there for the rest of my debt. [1 *sheet.*]

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* Pound is the cypher for men, therefore £1,500 may mean as written, or may mean 1,500 men. The latter is more probable, the phrasing being used as a blind.—Ed.

May 29. Order thereon in Council granting the petition, if the Major-General and Commissioners are satisfied that the debt is due. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 149–179.]

May 29. **64.** Representation [to the Protector] of the parish of Houghton Regis, co. Bedford, consisting of 4 villages and many hundred souls, who have not had a preaching minister this 100 years, because the vicarage is only small tithes of 20*l.* a year, to be collected from 200 persons, and hardly paying the labour of collecting.

Dunstable parish, a market and road town, value 35*l.* a year, has been void these 14 years. Your Highness resolved there should be 2 able ministers for the places, with an augmentation of 100*l.* a year. We beg you to order 60*l.* of it for Houghton Regis, and to place Wm. Marketman, whose sad condition you well know, as minister. [1 *page.*]

May 29. Order thereon in Council to the Trustees for Ministers, to settle 45*l.* on Dunstable, and 55*l.* on Houghton Regis, and to take effectual care for payment. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 155.]

May 29. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order, on reference by the Protector to Council of a certificate from the mayor and several aldermen of Colchester, moving that a convenient place may be assigned to their minister, Mr. Tillam, to preach in, to recommend the mayor and aldermen to appoint a convenient place for worship for Tillam and his church. Approval certified by the President.

3, 4. A report from the Committee on settling the staple at Dordrecht, with the draft of a proclamation which they have altered and desire to be passed instead of the former—read and agreed to. Also a request from the said Committee that the consideration of the regulation of the Government and Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers may be referred to the Trade Committee, to hear all parties, and report what may be done to advance the manufacture. Approved 30 May. *Annexing,*

65. *Report alluded to,* 28 *May* 1656. [1 *page.*]

4. The draft of an order for assessment, presented by Scobell, read, the sums inserted according to the last assessment, and the blanks filled up and agreed to. Approved 29 May.

5. The persons named, 24 in number, to be constituted Commissioners for the monthly assessment in 6 counties named. Approved 29 May.

7. Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Widdrington, Thos. Manly, Peter Brereton, and Sam. Whitwick, desired to consider some things relating to the law, prepared by Mr. Sheppard,

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confer with him therein, and prepare them for Council's consideration.

9. The Admiralty Commissioners to take care to provide cloth and baize for coats for his Highness's watermen, and send Council a note of the price, that order may be taken for payment.

10. The Army Committee to hasten the rules they are preparing concerning payment of moneys levyable on order of his Highness and Council for paying the militia.

13. The petition of Dorcas, widow of Capt. Sam. Hawkes, commander of the Arms of Holland, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

20. The Admiralty Commissioners to give effectual order for the speedy furnishing, manning, and setting forth to sea of the Dunbar frigate. Approved 30 May.

21, 22. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that for supplying the stores with seviceable powder, they have contracted with the makers for several quantities of new powder in place of such proportions of defective powder as are to be delivered out of them, and have promised to procure licence for exporting the defective powder beyond sea, to some place not hostile to this Commonwealth—that the Customs' Commissioners permit the export.

[His Highness present.]

24. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to consider a competent provision for ministers in market and other great towns, considering the ability of the places, and the former maintenance arising out of the same places, and providing that the same be not withheld, but continued for better supply of the places with able and godly ministers. Approved in person.

25. The establishment for the militia forces, and the draft of the order for payment of the forces to be delivered to Lord Lambert, to consult with the Majors-General.

26. The words "notwithstanding the former order of restraint" to be added in an order of 2 April last, referring it to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to consider of an augmentation for Prestwold.

27. The petition and papers of Ed. Salmon and Mary his wife, for themselves and the late Gen. Deane's children, referred to Lambert, Fiennes, Wolsley, Jones, and Pickering, to report.

29. The Committee of Council appointed to review the discharges of persons from being proceeded against by the Majors-General to advise therein with the Majors-General.

30. The Protector having, by warrant of 11 April 1656, authorised Wm. Walker to pay from Army contingencies 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each to Major Woolmer and 22 other members of the Committee of Officers appointed by his Highness, the Army Committee is to issue a warrant for payment of the sum, being 214*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Walker, on account for Council's contingencies. Approved 30 May.

31. The petition of the clerks of the London Custom House referred to Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Pickering, Wolsley, the referees on a petition and report in the case of Mat. Lister, to report.

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33. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 29 April to 29 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 147–157.]

May 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor and aldermen of the corporation of Colchester, co. Essex. His Highness and Council having received good satisfaction of the piety and ability of Mr. Tillam, preacher at Colchester, recommend you to appoint him and his church some convenient place within the town to meet for their religious exercises. [*I.* 77, *p.* 851.]

May 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Hen. Cromwell, Major-General of the army in Ireland. The Protector and Council having determined to send to Jamaica, out of Scotland and Ireland, 1,200 men, besides officers, wish the vacancies so made not to be filled up till further order from his Highness; you are desired to give order accordingly, and to have an exact account returned to Council of the time when the men are shipped, the names and quality of their officers, and from what regiments drawn, and the amount of their monthly pay, according to the establishment in Ireland.

Also as by contract the State is to allow demurrage if the ships stay at Knockfergus beyond the limited time, you are to take care that the ships have not to wait for the men. You will hear from Martin Noel, who manages the contract for transport, when the ships will be at Knockfergus, and you are to appoint a fit person to correspond with Noel. With note of a like letter, *mutatis mutandis*, to Gen. Monk, as to Portpatrick and Scotland. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 150–1.]

May 29. Order and declaration of his Highness and Council for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months from June 24, 1656, for maintenance of the army and navy. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 854–8.]

May 29. Proclamation concerning the residence of the merchant adventurers at Dordrecht, the same as that issued on 13 May, omitting a portion of the preamble. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 859, 860.]

May 30. Approval by the Protector of 16 orders, 13–29 May. [*I.* 77, *p.* 157.]

May 30. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to John Ashton, Roger Coates, and Wm. Farrar, justices of peace for co. York. Council hearing that divers persons named in the commission of the peace for your county have not taken the usual oath of a justice of the peace, whereby the service of the Commonwealth is neglected, recommends you to give notice to such that they take the oath forthwith, execute their office, and render an account to Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 851.]

May 30. **66.** Isaac [Dorislaus] to Sec. Thurloe. I have sent you the 2 bills I had of John Smith. The party that is to pay Mrs. Fosset the money knows nothing from whom it comes, and was at first unwilling to meddle with it, saying he had no occasion to draw. I have also taken up a bill for your friend of 100*l.* The money must be paid on Tuesday; pray order about it. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

66. I. *Order by John Smith for payment to Eliz. Fosset of* 40*l. sterling, at* 34*s.* 6*d. Flemish, for so much received of Wm. Tucker.* 30 *May* 1656. [*Scrap.*]

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May 31. **67.** Elizabeth, Lady Lowther, to Williamson. The great commendation I hear of your ability and government makes me desirous to commit to you my eldest son, hoping he will retract his former errors and idleness. He will have a good estate, but much encumbered with debts and jointures, so that the present revenue will only maintain him answerably to those you have already in charge. He is at his own disposal, and therefore more likely for ruin, but good advice may protect him; and if he set his mind on study as he promises, it may fortify him against all assaults, especially play, which was his father's act, and for which he must bear the smart.

Give me your opinion of him in all things, that I may add my power to your's to rectify defects. I hope my [step] son Richard will yield my son all brotherly assistance. [1 *page.*]

May. **68.** Tim. Halton to Williamson. That passage in Amaraldus seems to me illogically put together; an unpublished law cannot be fulfilled, and none is obliged to believe in Christ till the law is promulgated. If a monarch lays up a law in his archives unpublished, it cannot oblige, and Amaraldus will not pretend the promulgation is made to all. Sequences therefrom. College news. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

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June $\frac{1}{11}$. **1.** De la Crux, for M. Froment, to Williamson. I send you as requested a packet from London, in which I think you will have a letter of change on me, which I will pay to your order when you have endorsed the letter. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. French.*]

June 1. Hull. **2.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a list of 35 prisoners sent from York by Major-Gen. Lilburne, and of 6 from Scarborough; I gave them all passes to go to other ports, as they could not get into their own country from here. Mr. Pearson, master of a Hull ship, writes from Dunkirk that he was taken with 19 merchant ships belonging to the northern coasts and carried in there; here is great lamentation in Hull, as the loss of that ship involves 10,000*l.* in many ventures. I hope some speedy course will be taken for the exchange of the English prisoners there for those in Yorkshire. [1 *page.*]

June 2. Newcastle. **3.** Robt. Shafto, mayor of Newcastle, to the Protector. This is a time of imminent danger for those who have livelihoods at or beyond seas. Many merchants here having sustained great losses; I beg your favour for the enclosed petition. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

3. I. *Petition of Christ. Nicolson, governor, on behalf of the merchant adventurers of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to the Protector, for a convoy to be speedily sent to the Sound, to take charge of and convoy* 10 *or* 12 *ships in the eastern*

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seas, laden with hemp, flax, corn, iron, &c., bound for Newcastle. Several ships belonging to the town and other ports, laden with goods for their accounts, have been lately taken by the Dunkirk and Ostend men-of-war, as they were coming from Rotterdam and Amsterdam, under convoy of a Holland man-of-war, which is a great loss and undoing both to merchants and mariners. Beg for constant convoy for the trade to Holland, as that from Holland is not to be relied on. [¾ *page.*]

June 2.
Yarmouth.
4. Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will forward your letters. Capt. Robinson has revictualled and gone to fetch home the rest of the northern fishers, for the owners, and the women who had husbands there took on lamentably till he was gone. The Weymouth has just brought in 5 sail of fishers. The Pearl has gone with 200 colliers to Harwich. I have promised her to the merchants as a convoy for their ships to Rotterdam and Ostend. I have the lamentable cries of the women whose husbands are prisoners in Dunkirk and Ostend, and am not able to be in quiet in my house, so I beseech you to move the Council to make an exchange of the prisoners whose names are sent. [¾ *page.*]

June 2.
Note of offers made by C. V. and Ma^{r}. C. in Nov. 1655, to appear at 20 days' warning in Br[istol] with 3,000 men armed, and arms for 2,000 more, 200 to be horsed. It is the magazine of the county arms, and there are many prisoners, but only 60 soldiers, and not meat for one meal.

Also to surprise Gl[oucester] with 500, and 600 more to be ready at the same instant to assist them at the gates, and then this place and Bristol fort quickly to be made tenable.

If needful 2,000 of those in Bristol to march to Gloucester.

Receiving many quickening letters, I went in March to them, and they promised at the same notice to make the troops 6,050. My namesake goes with me thither next week, and you shall have his account, or send whom you please for better confirmation. Endorsed by Nicholas. "Received from Mr. Horsepoole [*i.e.*, Pile] by Mr. Cooper." [¾ *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

[June 3.]
5, 6. Remonstrance of Thos. Knyvett of Ashwellthorp, co. Norfolk, to the Protector. According to your commands when you did me the high favour of admitting me to your presence, I send you a view of my case. Not to trouble you with the old business of Lowestoft, I was taken prisoner by you, and sequestered as conceived to have been in arms against Parliament, but discharged by the Sequestration Committee, chiefly by your testimony to my Lord of Manchester, who wrote to our county Commissioners.

Having behaved peaceably since, I do not think myself liable to decimation, but submit wholly to your mercy. With report thereon [by the county Commissioners for securing peace] that Knyvett was taken prisoner at Lowestoft in March 1643, and sequestered, but discharged in 1644; that he has given no proof of affection to Parliament, and therefore they have decimated him. Norwich 16 April 1656.

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Also, reference by the Protector to the Privy Council, allowing him 10 days more respite from decimation, after 30 May, to clear the truth of his case. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

6. I. *Earl of Manchester to the Commissioners at Norwich. In desiring you to let Mr. Knyvett receive his rents, I only acted agreeably to orders of Parliament, as else he would be worse off than those actually sequestered; and since my coming to London, Col. Cromwell has assured me that Knyvett surrendered to him voluntarily at Lowestoft, being unarmed, except with a sword that he usually wore, and that he knew nothing of the townsmen's intentions. The Suffolk Commissioners have restored Sir Thos. Barker, whose case is the same, to his estate. London,* 26 *Jan.* 1643–4. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 3. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee of Council who review the discharges and suspensions of the Majors-General and Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 160.]

June 3. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The instructions reported by Mr. Secretary, for the commander of a squadron of ships for protection of trade against the ships of Dunkirk and other ports of Flanders, read, then read by parts, and the 2nd instruction being omitted, agreed to, viz. :—

2. Whereas the Narrow seas are much infested by pirates and war ships of Ostend, Dunkirk, and other ports in Flanders, carrying the commissions of the King of Spain as well as those of Charles Stuart, and doing much damage to our trade, navigation, and shipping ;—we have appointed a squadron of ships mentioned below to suppress and destroy the said pirates, rovers, and ships of war; therefore,—

(1.) You are to take charge of and conduct the squadron of ships afore-mentioned, which will rendezvous in the Downs, and set sail when the weather permits, and by riding before Ostend and Dunkirk, and other fit means, you are to protect the ships and trade of this Commonwealth, and to destroy the enemies' ships as opportunity shall present.

(2.) You shall correspond with the commander of the squadron in the Downs, and with other ships on the sea who shall have like orders, and join with them as there is occasion. With list of the 11 ships of the squadron.

3. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the commanders of the squadron of ships in the Downs, and other ships stationed at sea, to correspond with the commander of the protecting squadron, and to join them on occasion.

7. The petition of the master, wardens, and freemen of the Vintners' Company of London referred to the Commissioners for preservation of Customs and Excise, to hear the petition, and report to Council the state of their title, and of the whole business.

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8. A letter from the justices of peace in co. Chester, of 2 April, concerning fines and recognizances, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. Rich. Bradshaw's letter from Hamburg, of 9 May last, referred to Rous, Desborow, Lisle, Lambert, Jones, Strickland, and Wolsley, to hear Mr. Townley.

10. The Treasury Commissioners to call in the patent for disaforestation of ——— within the Forest of Dean, and to give account thereof to Council as soon as the same is brought in.

11, 12. Several reports from the Committee for Trade, viz.:—

On the petition of inhabitants of Hemel Hempstead, for 3 public fairs,
For transporting gueldings, oxen, barrel beef, &c.,
On the petition of the Island of Barbadoes,
On that of Jacob Momma,
Concerning the Newfoundland and pilchard trade,
On the petition of the Eastland company,
Touching needlemakers,
For right ordering of Scots' linen cloth and yarn, and
For prevention and regulation of heavy-dyed silk,

referred to the same Committee which considered the former Trade Committee reports, to proceed therein according to former direction, and report the several cases, with their opinions, to Council. *Annexing,*

7. *Report of the Committee for Trade and Navigation on the petition of the Eastland merchants, that the business is serious; that they have perused the former charter, and heard the objections against it of those who have lately used the trade, not being of the company, and suggest a charter, as follows:*—[1 *sheet.*]

7. I. *Proposed charter of incorporation of the Eastland company, giving them the sole right of trade to Norway, Sweden, Poland, Denmark, &c., as before, with regulations for their guidance. Also postscript that the town and territories of Narve, which were not in the former charter, as then belonging to Russia, and therefore granted to the Muscovy company, should by his Highness's mediation be now granted to the Eastland company, as belonging to Sweden, and as that company have long traded thither by connivance. Also oaths to be taken by the several officers of the Eastland company.* [50 *sheets.*]

7. II. *Report of the Committee on Trade and Navigation on the petitions of the Dyers' Company of London, and of dealers in silk,—complaining of great frauds in the heavy dyeing, whereby the weight of the silk is increased, and its substance rotted;—proposing regulations for the dyeing, allowing 4½ ozs. increase of weight per 12 oz. to Turkey and Persia silks, and 3½ to Italian; also suggestions for prevention and detection of frauds therein.* [3½ *sheets.*]

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13. A letter from divers gentlemen of Cheshire, on behalf of the Cheshire brigade for their service at Worcester, referred to Lambert, Jones, Desborow, and Wolsley, to learn their demands, consider the officers' petition and annexed list, and report.

15. A letter from the Council in Scotland, of 22 May, concerning money charged on the remaining third part of the excise in Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

16. Lord Lambert reporting that the 1,000*l*, ordered 29 May last to Col. Brayne, for payments referring to Jamaica, might be paid out of moneys resting with the former Prize Goods' Commissioners, the case is referred to the Committee of Council for Money, to speak with the said Commissioners, and report.

17, 20. The Committee of Council on the discharges and suspensions of persons proceeded against by the Majors-General and Commissioners to consider a report from the Commissioners of Norfolk on a petition of Thos. Knyvett. Also a report from the Commissioners of co. Essex on Wm. Halton's petition and papers, and report.

18. The Army Committee to send to the several counties printed copies of his Highness's declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l*. a month, from June 24, 1656, and to commend it to fit persons in each county for distribution. [*I*. 77, *pp*. 158–61.]

June 3. Hull. **8.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a list of the company belonging to the Bonadventure of Hull, John Pearson, master, taken by a Dunkirker, who are now prisoners in Dunkirk. I am earnestly desired by the mayor, aldermen, and others to solicit you to take some speedy course for their release, by exchange of as many others from Scarborough and York. The cries and tears of their wives occasion you this trouble. [1 *page*.] *Enclosing*,

8. I. *List of the* 23 *prisoners alluded to.* [1 *page*.]

June 3. Hull. **9.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I showed your's of 31 May to all the merchants of this place, and they return most humble thanks for the promise of a convoy for their Eastland ships. They desire that if Capt. Whitehorne, now on the northern coast, is appointed, he may have orders to call in at the Humber, as there are many ships there; and as there are a number to bring back, which are all richly laden, they hope the convoy will be considerable. There are also upwards of a dozen ships at Hull bound for London, also waiting for a convoy. I send you a list of the prisoners and captain released at York. [1 *page*.]

June 3. **10.** Sec. Jo. Thurloe to Col. Clerke. You see how I am pressed for a frigate. Pray assign him one, and let him have a duplicate of your directions, that he may not be at a loss when he comes to the water side. [½ *page*.] *Enclosing*,

10. I. *Peter Julius Coyet* [*Swedish ambassador*] *to Sec. Thurloe. I am sorry my request for a frigate to carry me to Holland came when your frigates in the Downs were* *ordered abroad, so that I could expect none till their return. Pray let me know whether and when it may be, as I long much for my departure, and if I cannot have a frigate, must think of some other way. London, 2 June* 1656. [1 *page.*]

June 3. Custom House, London. **11.** Customs' Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Being very sensible of the great necessity of the State for want of money, we presume to state that there is 2,000*l.* at Newcastle, 800*l.* at Bristol, and 800*l.* at Dartmouth, in the hands of the respective collectors, for which they cannot procure any returns. We beg you to adopt such course for the return thereof as you think meet. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June $\frac{3}{13}$. Paris. **12.** C. George to Williamson. Mr. Calander has arrived. I sent you a bill of exchange, but as you did not endorse it, no one can receive it. I hope you will have received letters for Mr. Whorwood. [*French,* 1 *page.*]

June $\frac{4}{14}$. Paris. **13.** C. George to Williamson. I send your bill of exchange and some letters. My compliments to Mdlle. Calander, and all your young gentlemen. Mr. Calander writes me that he will be here to-day. [1 *page, French.*]

June 4. **14.** Petition of Cosmo Manuche to the Protector. I have long laboured to serve you and this late distracted State, and acknowledge your bountiful relief to enable my endeavours. But in making discoveries of the disturbers of our present happy Government, I have spent 20*l.* more than I have received, which, if not speedily paid, will deprive me of liberty, and be my undoing, my former livelihood, by boarding scholars, being taken away. I have more knowledge now, and a better will to increase your store than exhaust it. Endorsed, with receipt of 10*l.* from Sec. Thurloe for public service. [1 *page.*]

June 4. The Essex, Downs. **15.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a letter from several English masters of ships at Rotterdam. A Flushing man-of-war saw 17 sail of Ostend and Dunkirk men-of-war last Sunday in one fleet, having from 16 to 20 guns each, and very full of men; they reported that they were going to ply off the Maas and Texel, and if they met with no purchase there, to go upon the north coast to meet the fleet coming from the Sound. I also hear that the admiral and vice-admiral of Dunkirk are riding under Mardike Fort. I have not heard of Capt. Whitehorne, and there are only the Essex and Reserve in the Downs. [1 *page.*]

June 5. **16.** Petition of John, Lord Balmerino, for self and many others in like case, to the Protector. Last August I laid before you my great distress for public debts, entered into by my father and others [*see* 7 *Aug.* 1655], and you stayed proceedings till the Council of Scotland should think on some remedy to free us, but that Ordinance was only in force till Feb. last, and is now taken off, and our lands and goods exposed to our creditors, which makes our condition as hard as before. We beg to note the representation before you of the Council of Scotland, which is before the Committee for Scotland, in order that I (who have been 2 years forced out of Scotland, and to abandon my family because of creditors) and the others so engaged may be freed from these debts, and not ruined by our affection for religion and liberty, for which we hazarded all that was near and dear to us. We beg you to note what the Council of Scotland propose, that our protection be renewed for 3 months, till you appoint a remedy. [1 *page.*]

June 5. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for the affairs of Scotland to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 161.]

June 5. **17.** Petition of Thos. Rawlins, [of Llangarran or Kilreeye, co. Hereford,] to the Protector. In the beginning of the late troubles, I was appointed a lieutenant of co. Hereford, and so enraged the enemy by my activity and faithfulness that I was obliged to fly this country [in Nov. 1652], when they seized my goods and defaced my house, to the loss of 1,500*l.*, and held my estate of 400*l.* a year for 4 years, so that I contracted great debts, and have been disabled from trying for preferment. I beg reparation out of 5,000*l.* concealed, which I can discover as due, that I may provide for my many children. With reference to Council, signed by the Protector, 23 May 1656. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I, II. *Certificate by W. Rogers and 6 others, Commissioners for the peace of co. Hereford, to the truth of the petition.* 22 *Feb.* 1655–6. [2 *copies.*]

June 5. Order thereon in Council allowing him ¼ of his discoveries of concealed lands, goods, &c., not exceeding 6,000*l.*; the Commissioners for Discoveries to prosecute the same. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 161, 178.]

June 5. **18.** Petition of divers well-affected of London and elsewhere to the Protector, for acceptance of the proposals annexed, as the least offensive and burdensome mode of raising money needed for the vast charge of Government, the preservation of peace, and on account of the great suffering and discontent because the public faith debts, for which the honour of the nation stands engaged, are still unpaid. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

18. I. *Proposals alluded to :—*

1. *That all innkeepers, victuallers, and others who sell ale or beer, pay* 10 *per cent. on all ale and beer sold.*
2. *That* 3 *or* 4 *Commissioners be appointed for London, and each county of England and Wales, to manage the business, and be accountable to the Treasury Commissioners.*
3. *That a treasurer or high collector, and agents or sub-collectors, be appointed in each county to bring in the moneys.*

4, 5. *That they choose fit officers with suitable salaries, which, with incident charges, are to be allowed out of the receipts.*

6. *That all beersellers give security to the Commissioners within a month for their said fines, or within 20 days be suppressed from selling by the justices of peace.*
7. *That the said justices neither grant nor renew licenses without certificate that this security has been given.*
8. *That of the net receipts, ⅓ be allowed towards paying public faith bills, and ⅔ be paid into the Exchequer.*
9. *That the county treasurers return their ⅓ to a treasurer to be appointed in London, who in settling public faith bills is to pay first the principal creditors, and the meanest and most needy persons.*
10. *That the Commissioners for Appeals on Customs and Excise hear all differences, misdemeanours, &c., arising in execution of this business.* [2½ *pages.*]

June 5. Note of the reading thereof in Council, but no order thereon. [*I.* 77, *p.* 167.]

June 5. **19.** Petition of Thos. Cowell and Company to the Protector. Our ship, the John of London, sailed to Malaga in Aug. 1655 with merchandize, and in September arrived peaceably at Terreffe, where she was seized by the governor for the King of Spain, to our loss of 2,000*l.* We beg letters of reprizal, as usual by the law of nations. With reference to Privy Council, 26 May 1656. [1 *page.*]

June 5. Order thereon in Council that they be granted, on proof in the Admiralty Court of the seizure and detention of the ship, and on the usual security. Approved 13 June. With the warrant for the letters, 19 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 168, 178 ; *I.* 112, *p.* 320.]

June 5. **20.** Petition of John James, merchant of Southampton, to the Protector. In 1631 I suffered 500*l.* loss by the Spaniard, and Sir Hen. Marten in 1642, and Dr. Wm. Sands in 1646, Admiralty Judges, reported my losses fit for letters of marque. My damages now come to 1,200*l.*, and I have been to Spain, but can get no satisfaction. I beg letters of reprizal, employment for present maintenance, and the forgiveness of 40*l.* due for wine licenses in the Isle of Wight and Southampton. With reference to Privy Council, 8 May 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

20. I. *Report of Sir Hen. Marten of James' losing the Stephen of Gosport, laden with pilchards and butter for Spain, by a Biscay man-of-war, and of his vain endeavour to obtain damages in Spain,* 23 *Jan.* 1640–1. [*Copy,* 5½ *pages.*]

20. II. *Certificate by Dr. Wm. Sands in favour of letters of marque, but requesting rather a letter to the Spanish ambassador for redress. Feb.* 1644–5. *Also reference by the Earl of Warwick to Parliament to grant the letter,* 29 *March* 1645. [2⅓ *pages.*]

[June 5.] **21.** Petition of James to Council to like effect, being undone by his losses, and having 2 children. [½ *page.*]

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June 5. Order thereon in Council for letters of reprizal to the value of 500*l.* on the usual security. Approved 13 June. With warrant for the letters 19 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 168, 179 ; *I.* 112 *p.* 321.]

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7. Approval by the Trustees for Ministers of augmentations of 20*l.* each to the minister and lecturer at Chesterfield. Approved by the Protector 13 June.

8. The account of Majors-Gen. Whalley and Downing, concerning their receipts for the Scotch prisoners, referred to Scobell, to adjust it and report, and if any of the money remain due, it is to be paid into the Exchequer.

9. Desborow added to the Committee on Col. Salmon's petition.

11. The petition of Louisa Houston, widow, referred to Lisle, Rous, Sydenham, and Strickland, to report.

12. Order—on report from Sir John Barkstead, and certificate of the Marquis of Argyle and Col. Wm. Lockhart, on Lord Borthwick's case [*see* 3 *and* 25 *April* 1656]—that the evidences be sent sealed up to the Council in Scotland, who are to enquire whether they are public records, or were only put into Edinburgh Castle for safety, and if they are private only, to deliver them to Lord Borthwick. *Annexing,*

> **22.** *List of the* 6 *documents the return of which is requested, and certificate, signed and sealed by the Marquis of Argyle and Col. Wm. Lockhart, that they are private and not public records,* 12 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

> **22.** I. *Report by Sir. J. Barkstead that the deeds are in custody of Mr. Ryley, keeper of the records in the Tower, who believes them to be private, and not at all belonging to the public records of Scotland. Tower,* 19 *May* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *sheet.*]

13. Order on certificate from the Treasurers for Sale of forfeited Estates of 24 May last,—that demand has been made of 15,521*l.* 13*s.* 0¾*d.* due for the latter half of purchase money of the Marquis of Winchester's estate, and that the limit of 14 days expired, and no money was paid, but a written statement sent by Geo. Coney, a purchaser, that the eldest son of the marquis, Charles, Lord St. John, has a claim to the lands, and therefore the second half is unpaid, and all proceedings therein suspended till order of Parliament—that as Lord St. John has not hitherto obtained any allowance of his claim, a re-entry be made into the said lands, and a recovery according to the re-conveyances made to the Treasurers, who are to make a re-entry, and do all that tends to the benefit of the State, according to the Acts of Parliament for sale of such estates. Approved 13 June.

15. The petition of Katherine, widow of Capt. Edw. Baynard, who died in Jamaica, and of all other claimants on behalf of officers and soldiers sent to Jamaica, referred to Rich. Sydenham, Rob. Bowes, and the rest of the Jamaica Commissioners, to enquire into the cases and report.

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16. Order on report from the Commissioners for regulating the Excise on the petition of the workers of copper-gilt and silver thread [*see* 19 *Feb.* 1656]—that many thousand families live on the manufacture, which is much decayed since the excise was raised from 2*d.* to 1*s.*, and may be endangered unless it be reduced—that it be so reduced, and that the Excise Commissioners only demand 2*d.* in future. Approved 13 June. *Annexing,*

23. *Report alluded to, giving as reasons for the reduction, –*

(1). *That all copper comes from abroad in bars, and pays custom on import, and excise of* 1*s. in* 20*s. in value of copper by the first buyer, the price of the bars being* 2*s. per pound.*

(2) *That French and Dutch merchants secretly bring in much copper thread, elude the duty, and sell it at lower rates than can now be afforded.*

(3). *That the English cannot now afford to sell the copper-lace thread, spangles, &c., they send abroad cheap enough, and therefore they will lose the trade. Thus the excise is likely to come to less at* 12*d. in the pound than at* 2*d., and the manufacture will be overthrown.* 27 *March* 1656. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

17. The report from the Excise Commissioners, on a reference of Council on a petition of the refiners, gold-wire drawers, and others, about the manufacture of wire drawing, and other trades depending thereon, referred to Desborow, Rous, the Lord Deputy, Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, and Lisle, to report.

18, 19. Order—on Sydenham's report from the Committee appointed last Tuesday to consider what was offered concerning deposited moneys in the hands of the former Prize Goods' Commissioners—that the said Commissioners pay into the Exchequer 795*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* remaining in their hands on the foot of the account they delivered in for money received and paid for wines out of the ship Fortune, and that on receipt of it, they be indemnified, any decree of the Court of Admiralty notwithstanding. Approved 13 June.

20. The above 795*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* to be applied towards satisfying a Privy Seal for payment of 1,000*l.* to Col. Brayne, for contingent charges about Jamaica.

21. The former Committee to send for Mr. Carlton, late Prize Office cashier, and others, and examine them concerning some deposited moneys alleged to have been delivered to the former Prize Goods' Commissioners, and consider how the passing of the former Commissioners' accounts may be put with most conveniency, and report.

22. Order on Sydenham's report from the Committee of Council on Money, of some joint proposals made by Col Harvey, Ald. Tichborne, and Mr. Hildesley, late Customs' Commissioners, for themselves and Dan. Taylor's executors—that of the 22,000*l.* due to the State on their account, they may pay in their equal shares of 10,000*l.*

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(tallies being struck accordingly) as follows:—2,000*l.* this week, 1,000*l.* next week, and 7,000*l.* by halves in the next 2 months,—and that as to the 12,000*l.* balance, Tichborne for himself, and Hildesley for himself and Taylor, give security for 6,000*l.* each (half the remaining 12,000*l.*), and Col. Harvey for the other 6,000*l.*, to be paid at 3 six months; and that all the lands, securities, goods, and debts belonging to their account be made over jointly to them, to be turned to cash, and go towards the 12,000*l.*, and what is lost be borne by them equally, and that on receipt of the 12,000*l.*, the pipe rolls may be discharged—that the substance of the said proposal be agreed to, with this difference, viz.: that the remaining 12,000*l.* be paid in by 4 three months, and that the 10,000*l.* be paid within a month, on receipt whereof, and on security for the 12,000*l.* as above, the pipe rolls shall be discharged.

25. Desborow, Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, and Wolsley to consider a paper entitled "Col. Bingham's humble thoughts and desires to Council on behalf of Castle Cornet, and the Isles of Guernsey, Sark, and Alderney," and to report.

26. Maj.-Gen. Kelso to speak with a person informing Sec. Thurloe of quantities of money and jewels hid in Kent, and known only to himself and another, and if he see cause, to appoint trusty persons to dig and search for the same, and on finding them, to secure them, and report to Council.

28. The Treasury Commissioners to call in the patent for disafforestation of part of the Forest of Dean, granted 21 March, 15 Charles, and the record thereof, and the patent granting that part of the forest to Sir John Winter, 16 Charles, to be vacated, and this to be done with all speed. Approved 13 June.

31. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 29 May and 5 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 161–168.]

June 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland. Council hears that a suit is commenced against Sir John Barrington and the other adventurers for claims in Ireland, against Serj. Dendy, about lands in Ireland given him by order of Parliament for services in England, on pretence of a right grounded on the Act for satisfying the adventurers, whereby the serjeant and others in like case, and the interest of the State are concerned, and the prosecution of the suit will not turn to the advantage of any. Council therefore wishes you to call the parties before you, enquire into the business, and endeavour a reconciliation; or if this be difficult, to signify your opinion to Council that a just and equal course may be taken. You are to use all expedition, that it may appear that the suspension is not made to cause delay, but to bring the matter to a just and honest compromise. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 166–7.]

June 6. Whitehall. **24.** Petition of Abr. Forrester, gentleman, Wm. Muschamp, Esq., and John Baker, M.D., to the Protector. You and the Council having noticed many inconveniences by the badness of highways, made a public ordinance for their amendment and repair, which in many places has been vigorously prosecuted, and large sums expended

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thereon, but rendered ineffectual because the right way of doing it has not been discovered. We, desiring to serve our generation, have spent much money in experiments, and have found a new way, of which we have already made demonstration, for amending the highways, not exceeding the tax in the Ordinance, and so that they shall not need repair for many years, nor be injured by the weight of carriages, and thus the parish taxes will be lessened, and travellers can go further in a day. We beg a 14 years' patent for our invention, and encouragement in carrying it out. With reference thereon to John Trenchard, Denis Bond, and Sir John Trevor, 19 May 1656; their report that the thing can only be demonstrated by practice, and therefore some highway near London should be chosen for a trial, but that the petitioners request their letters patent before the trial, because in it much of their secret and way of doing it will be discovered, 26 May 1656; and further reference to Lord Strickland, captain of his Highness's guard, and Col. Phil. Jones, to consider and certify. 6 June 1656.) [2⅔ *pages.*]

June 6. **25.** Sec. Thurloe to the Admiralty Commissioners. His Highness is satisfied to make Capt. Smith commander of the Dunbar, and commands me to give you notice thereof. [½ *page.*]

June 6. **26.** Capt. Thos. Alderne to Robt. Blackborne. I have no occasion for any money to be paid at Newcastle or Bristol, but if the Customs' Commissioners will order the 800*l.* at Dartmouth to be paid to Wm. Addis, the victualling agent at Plymouth, and take his bills on me for it, I will see that they are accepted and paid. If however this will be no accommodation to the State, I would rather make use of our credit at Plymouth to serve the State's occasions when required. [⅔ *page.*]

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27. Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Eastland ships are all ready, and the merchants return thanks for the convoy. There are also 12 ships bound for London, and as they have been waiting some time, their merchants earnestly desire one to see them to the Thames, the granting of which will be an encouragement to trade. I send a list of the prisoners with us, according to your orders. I have used them very civilly whilst here, and given them 6*d.* a day each, and 6*d.* each when they left, and passes for Dover. These and the former 36 have had nearly 5*l.* I hope I shall be reimbursed. [1 *page.*]

June 6. **28.** Petition of Capt. Edw. Wood and other owners of the Edward of London to the Admiralty Commissioners, for payment of freight for carrying arms, ammunition, and provisions to Barbadoes for supply of the fleet, and some from Barbadoes to St. Domingo and Jamaica, as also for allowance for the loss of their ship while returning through the Gulf of Florida. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Certified copy of the agreement made between Col. Dan. Searle, one of the Commissioners in America, and Capt. Edw. Wood, for carrying provisions, arms, &c., to Hispaniola for the army under Gen. Robert Venables. Barbadoes, 2 May* 1655. [2 *pages.*]

28. ii. *Extract from agreements by the same with Thos. Webber, commander of the Recovery, and Jno. Bauton, commander of the William, for hire of their ships.* [1 *page.*]

28. iii. *Capt. Greg. Butler to Major Thomson. Capt. Wood was to have* 80*l. besides his contracts, which, in justice, ought to be paid.* 15 *July* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

28. iv. *Capt. Greg. Butler to Major Thomson, Navy Office. Capt. Wood's business was referred, by his own consent, to Capt. Blagge, Col. Buller, and others, who judged him worthy of the satisfaction contained in the bill of exchange, so I gave him one, and he had another for* 100*l. from one Dell of England. The rest of his freight was paid in the port. Capt. Wood would have given* 500*l. for the Parrot prize, but neither the Major-General nor Vice-Admiral would join with me in a bill of sale; they have since sold it to themselves for* 250*l.* 18 *July* 1656. [1 *page.*]

28. v. *Debtor and creditor account by Butler, of — Dell of New England, Capts. Wood and Webber, and Jno. Bauton, bringing in Wood creditor for* 381*l.* 11*s.* 4*d., for which he had a bill of exchange.* [1 *page.*]

28. vi. *Report by the Navy Commissioners on the said petition of Edw. Wood, &c., that, finding that the other ships employed on that service have received* 40*s. a ton, and that the commander of the Edward received a certificate from Capt. Butler, Commissioner at Jamaica, for* 381*l.* 11*s.* 4*d. for her freight, which was much under the rate received by the others, they advise an order for payment of that amount, and for something further to be allowed, as the ship has not been heard of since she left Jamaica on her return home. Navy Office, Aug.* 1656.

28. vii. *Order in the Admiralty Committee for payment of the said sum.* 16 *Aug.* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

June 6. The Gainsborough, Hoseley Bay. **29.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. After watering at Scarborough, we parted with the Portsmouth, which stood northwards. On Tuesday the 3rd instant, we espied 4 sail standing in towards Flamborough Head; and giving chase, we espied what they were, they not endeavouring much to conceal it. Their admiral had 27 guns, and 200 men. He presently put abroad his bloody ensign and pendant; the rest their Spanish colours. His vice-admiral had 22 guns, the third, 8, the fourth, 6, and all were well manned, both for number and ability of men. They intended to surprise any 4th rate frigate they could meet with, and they might have done much mischief to the northward. Their admiral was the same that lately took the Holland man-of-war with his convoys. Our frigates gained much upon them, which they perceiving, divided themselves. The Dartmouth and Drake gave chase to the two small vessels, and after much endeavours used, lost sight of them by thick mists; that of 22 guns, being much to windward, stretched away.

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The Advice and President gave chase to the admiral, but it was some hours before they could come up to him by reason of the calm. He resolutely defended himself, and was as gallantly opposed by the Advice in his weather, and by the President in his lee quarter. I was forced, with grief to myself and all with me, to be only a spectator at a great distance, this frigate not being able to sail for foulness, though, when clean, she is inferior to few for sailing.

Honest Capt. Sacheverell was slain at the third broadside. The fight was continued from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. by the Advice and President, with no small damage on all sides. It may be wondered how so contemptible an enemy should so long oppose two such considerable frigates. I assure you they are a resolute and daring enemy, and their advantage lies in being so often tallowed and fully manned, the want of which much hinders our frigates from performing what they otherwise might. The Dartmouth and Drake, returning from their lost chase, came seasonably to put a speedier conclusion to the fight. The Drake, by the advantage of her oars, got up to pass several broadsides very gallantly, and at last she yielded to the Advice.

When we first began to chase, I spared 11 able seamen to help the Drake, which did her good service, but night coming on, and a great fog, we were prevented using means to tow her. In the morning when we found her, her masts were gone, being very much shattered in the fight. The seamen whom Capt. Allen put on board of her were all gone, and the Dunkirkers reported that, fearing she would founder, being much torn, without masts, and very leaky, they had made their escape in the boat. We know not what has become of them, but I much fear there has been some treachery used by the Dunkirkers, for there were more left on board than was imagined. All means were used for preserving her, but that being impossible in her condition, and the wind being very tempestuous, I caused her to be sunk.

We have on board the several ships 154 prisoners, with Capt. Erasmus Bruer. This was the best man-of-war in Ostend or Dunkirk, and, I believe, one of their stoutest captains.

Since writing the above, we have had a severe storm, and the Gainsborough striking on a rock near the Whiting, her keel was so much shattered that we were forced to cut away the mainmast, and lighten her by casting out much ballast and her topmasts, and it will be now necessary to send her into a dry dock. [1⅔ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

29. I. *Account of men slain, and wounded, and prisoners taken, viz.:—*

ADVICE FRIGATE.

Slain—Geo. Burroughs, gunner.
Wounded—3; each lost an arm, and 4 burnt with powder.

GREAT PRESIDENT

Slain—Capt. Ben. Sacheverell.
Thos. Dowers, boatswain.
Jno. Low, quarter master, and 4 others.
Wounded—7.

Drake Frigate.

Wounded—3.

Prisoners taken out of the Maria of Ostend, 154—
Of which are wounded - - 16
Slain in the fight - - - 43

De Bruer had 36 *guns in hold, was bound for Spain, and intended to do some mischief to the northward. The main and fore-masts of the Advice and President are defective, and their sails and rigging much torn. I have sent them to the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs, and the Drake to Harwich to be refitted. I have kept the Dartmouth to tow me where I shall be ordered, and will ride about Woodbridge. The master of the President has behaved very well; I have charged him to be very careful of the frigate.* [1 *column.*]

June 6. The Gainsborough, Hoseley Bay. **30.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Since writing my packet, the Gainsborough, has become so leaky that she should not ride so far without. I will get as high as the Nore, and wait orders, either to come up the river or make for Chatham. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 6. Plymouth. **31.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours for Capt. Parker, who is supposed to be detained in Torbay with 14 or 15 vessels, bound eastward; I have ordered Capts. Elliott and Large to sail thither, take charge of such vessels as are there, and convoy them to the Needles, and then convoy those at Weymouth, Lynn, Topsham, and Dartmouth, bound for St. Malo and Morlaix, and bring back those for England. I understand you have agreed to exchange Capt. Ensum for Capt. Blake; I hope Ensum will be kept safe. When he was brought into Plymouth, hearing what a notorious fellow he was, and that no person could hold him, I sent him to Exeter Gaol, where he has abode ever since, with gives on his heels; of the two, I judge him worse than Beech. Seven ships have put in with tobacco from Virginia, bound for London. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

June 6. Plymouth. **32.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a packet from the fleet brought by the Negociation of London, with oil from Tunis, who left part of the fleet in Tangiers Bay. [1 *page.*]

June 6. Plymouth. **33.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. The Biscaneers have called in their biggest men-of-war for fear our frigates should snap them, and now set out small vessels of 4 and 6 guns, that may shift away by their oars if their sailing fails them. [1 *page.*]

June 7. The Essex, Downs. **34.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. There are 156 prisoners, well and wounded; two are Scotch, and some Irish, all which I have placed in the Essex, Reserve, Advice, and President, and desire your orders concerning them. After Capt. Allen took the Dunkirker, he put 18 of his own men in her and 8 more from the Dartmouth and Drake, all of whom, as the Dunkirkers report, took to the boat in the night, thinking the ship would suddenly sink, and through the fog missed their ships, and have not yet been heard of. I have written the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk as directed. The Swedish Envoy and his servant desire accommodation for their transportation. Capt. Nixon would be more serviceable before Dunkirk if he had a better ship. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

34. I.–IV. *Surveys of the President and Advice, both of which have their masts and sails much torn, and are unserviceable.* [2 *copies,* ¾ *page each.*]

June 7. Yarmouth. **35.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I understand by yours that 19 or 20 sail of Dunkirkers and Ostenders are gone out, and that you would have the Pearl and Weymouth to go to the Downs with the merchant ships; but the merchants will not venture their goods, for there is as much danger in going to the Downs as to Holland, and they will stay to hear what has become of the enemy. The Weymouth is at Harwich; I sent Capt. Smith to Newcastle to convoy the coal fleet, and ordered Capt. Sansum to come with them into the Roads, lest the enemy fall on the fleet. Capt. Wilkinson having left 2 anchors with the fishermen, who have put them on shore, I will take charge of them, but he has carried the cables to Harwich. The captain of the Wren desires order to victual, but his ship is so leaky and defective that her company is tired of her, and she is only fit to burn. There are 300 or 400 sail of the coal fleet afloat, and scarcely any to guard them, and if the enemy falls with them, they will take as many as they please; it is a shame to our nation that we are afraid to go to sea for 2 or 3 towns, with help of the Hollanders, who, I am persuaded, furnish them with half what they do. [1 *page.*]

June 7. York. **36.** Major Geo. Smithson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have set at liberty, by order of Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, all the Dunkirk prisoners in Yorkshire, and given them passes for Hull, Sunderland, and Newcastle. I enclose a list of the officers, and one of the privates. A Scarborough ship, commanded by Rob. Kirby, with 6 men in her, having been lately taken by some Dunkirkers, the gentry of the country, who know Kirby, desire that he and his men may be exchanged for some of those now set at liberty. [¾ *page.*]

June 8. Hull. **37.** Major Rich. Elton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a list of 25 Dunkirk prisoners, arrived from York with passes from Major Geo. Smithson, as also a list of masters of Burlington and other ships taken by the enemy, now prisoners in Dunkirk. I am earnestly desired by the inhabitants of Hull and Burlington to move that some speedy course may be taken for their release by exchange. This town, knowing your wonted course about convoys, I am constantly entreated by the London merchants of Hull, who have had 12 ships ready to sail from Hull this last fortnight, for a convoy to the Thames; for want thereof, trade is depressed, and there is a daily loss, both of ships and goods. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

37. I. II. *Lists of 25 prisoners and 6 Burlington shipmasters alluded to.* [2 *scraps.*]

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June 9. **38.** Secretary Jno. Thurloe to Robt. Blackborne. Send me a copy of the letter and other papers received by the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the taking of a Dunkirker by the President and Advice. [⅓ *page*.]

June 9. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople. On our petition to his Highness to ease the double charge on us there at present, we procured the revocation of Rich. Lawrence, which we enclose, desiring you to have it delivered, and send us notice. We have ordered him allowance for the full time, and 500 dollars for his return. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 271.]

June 9. Levant Company to Sp. Bretton, consul at Smyrna. Yours of 31 Dec., 14 Feb., and 3 April, are all to hand since ours of 14 April. For supplying the employment of treasurer, our directions of 28 May suffice. We regret that Domingo Vaes de Britto finds new ways to defraud us of our due, by landing cloth at Leghorn, and afterwards sending it hither upon a Fleming, under protection of the Dutch consul, but have thought of no way to prevent it.

The goods brought hither on the Friendship, as our husband says, gave satisfaction, so no further trouble need be taken therein.

Concerning what you intimate about Mr. Winchester, if you make not a right use of the blessing of having a minister, the fault is yours; but if he discharge not his duty, then it is his.

Our remaining debts there being fully cleared by the dues on the ships last departed, we ordered on April 14 the continuance of an extraordinary consulage for extinguishing those here.

We are glad the disturbance at Constantinople, caused by the rising of the Spahis and Janizaries, has produced no worse effects than matter of charge in presents. We hope for some security in reference to the escape of Bogus.

As for the Armenians lading their goods on our ships, though it be a means to spoil our trade, yet since they would find that accommodation from other nations, who would make the same advantage by their consulage as we do, we are content with such ordinary gratuities as you have made for encouraging their lading on English ships.

Lastly, we remind you of our former resolutions for you to restore what you have heretofore received more than the Company allowed in gratuities, half house rent and minister's diet, for we may not give way to a precedent that may excite the consul at Aleppo or others to expect the like. Let us find the same put to our credit in the next accounts, that we may not have to suspend the future payment of any gratuity. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 271–2.]

June 9. Levant Company to the treasurer at Smyrna. You are to pay the consul no gratuities till he complies with the reductions we require in his accounts. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p.* 273.]

June 9. Levant Company to Hen. Riley. Since our last sent, we have received yours of 27 Feb., not that of Dec. 31, which you mention. But we have learnt the great danger to your persons and our estates caused by the siege of Aleppo, and have had cause to acknowledge God's goodness in your deliverance and to content ourselves with the present effect of dearth produced by that diversion of trade, which we hope will be shortly restored.

It is well that Mr. Fowk and partners are reduced to conformity in payment of our dues, and that you are mindful of recovering the arrears. Your moderation of our expences, collection of duties, and endeavours to repair the injuries undergone in the time of Ipsire Bassa, and revoking that unjust sentence on money, we take well at your hands, and trust you will have good success.

We hear of some contest between our factor marine, and strangers lading goods on our ships, touching payment of duties, which though we conceive not to be due to him, yet as he has to give the Company an account of these as well as our own goods, you may, for Mr. Bodington's advantage, in a friendly way, try if you can persuade them to payment.

We have lately settled afresh the rates of consulage and of tonnage and freight, according to several lists enclosed, to commence on their arrival. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 273–4.]

June 10. **39.** Petition of Peter King, mayor, and the inhabitants of Shaston, co. Dorset, to the Protector. Our borough consists of 350 families, and we have not 30*l.* a year for a preaching minister, so that we cannot obtain an able man without relief. We beg an augmentation, that we may not be left without pastoral dispensations. 20 signatures. [1 *page.*]

June 10. Order thereon in Council to the Trustees for Ministers to settle 50*l.* a year on the Shaston minister, the late order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 169.]

June 10. **40.** Petition of the magistrates, minister, and well affected of Pontefract, to the Protector. By Parliamentary order 50*l.* was assigned them from Sir J. Wornam's sequestered estate, and 40*l.* from Mr. Thimbleby's, as augmentation of the living, worth only 15*l.* The former is taken away by Wornam's composition, and the latter likely to cease on the death of Mr. Thimbleby, who is very aged, and has only a life estate in the tithes on which it is settled. The town is populous, extending into several townships, and by reason of fairs and quarter sessions, much resorted to, and yet has the "meanliest" provision for a minister in the nation, so that the disaffected might bring in one of their own way, and stifle the beginning of reformation appearing on the labours of Mr. Ferret. Beg a settlement of 80*l.* a year from the ministers' trustees in lieu of the 40*l.* from the Exchequer. Recommended by Wm. Rowe, one of the town, and Capt. John Drake, of his Highness's regiment. [1 *sheet.*]

June 10. Order thereon in Council that the said trustees settle a maintenance on the minister, in lieu of what was formerly granted. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 169.]

June 10. **41.** Petition of Sir Wm. Carr [or Kerr second] son of the Earl of Lothian to the Protector. I have the reversion of the office of director of the Chancery in Scotland, which is now managed by persons appointed by his Highness. I am wishful to serve as far as my years are capable of, and am by your leave beyond seas, fitting myself for service, and I have no other provision than this place. I beg a renewal of the grant, and some part of the benefit of the place for my education and maintenance, till I can take the office. [1 *page.*]

June 10. Order thereon in Council that 100*l.* a year be paid him from the said profits, provided this grant do not diminish that to Provost Jeffryes out of the office. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 169.]

[June 10.] **42.** Petition of Col. David Barclay to the Protector. The Commissioners entrusted by you with the estates of the excepted persons in Scotland finding, by the release of so many of them, that the remnant will not answer the ends for which they were invested in them, represent the condition thereof to you by me, and request your speedy order. With reference signed of the petition, instructions, and schedule to Council, 13 May 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. *Instructions by the said Commissioners in Scotland to Col. David Barclay, to be presented to his Highness.*

1. *That the estates will not answer the intended objects, which were three:—*

(1.) *To pay the creditors of each estate, and provide for the wives and children of excepted persons.*

(2.) *To do the same for other estates which are overburdened with donatives.*

(3.) *The overplus to his Highness.*

But overplus is impossible, as by reason of donatives, estates hardly bear their own incumbrances, and those that should have yielded relief are released from forfeiture.

2. *That the Commissioners should have full release as to the disposal of those estates discharged from forfeiture, or the creditors may complain with reason of prejudice.*

3. *That they have obeyed his order for discharge of the Earl of Calendar's estate.*

4. *That if the land worth* 500*l. a year, ordered by Parliament to be settled on Mrs. Mary Hamilton, now wife to Griffin Howard, and her children, some of whom are under age, be exchanged as ordered for the same sum out of fines, at* 10 *years' purchase, the children when they come to age may sue the Commissioners.*

5. *To ask whether the* 4,000*l. is to be paid to Col. Overton, notwithstanding his confinement.*

6. *To ask whether mortgages on estates forfeited before* 1648 *shall be considered as debts, or whether the mortgagee shall have the estate, or be treated as other creditors, who have lands conveyed to them at* 20 *years' purchase.*

7. *To ask directions about the personal estates of excepted persons.*

8. *To represent that, though by Ordinance the wives and children provided for are to renounce all title to their husbands' or fathers' estates, yet the Countess of Lauderdale, who had* 300*l. a year by this Ordinance, has now*

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got one for 600l. a year, yet has not renounced her jointure, which may be an incumbrance on the estate. [1 *sheet.*]

42. II. *Commissioners in Scotland to the Protector. On your order of 24 Aug. last to set out lands value 600l. a year to the Countess of Lauderdale for life, we have set out to her all the lands undisposed of that were settled on her by her marriage contract with the Earl. But it is our duty to present to you the charges, by debts and donatives, on forfeited estates in Scotland, that you may consider it when applications are made. On 12 April 1654, you ordered that what came short to pay lawful creditors from one estate, by reason of donatives, should be paid from another, after its debts and incumbrances were satisfied; but many estates then forfeited are since discharged by capitulation with Gen. Monk, e.g., Earls Seaforth, Lowdoun, Athol, Glencairn, Lords Kenmure, Lorne, Machlin, and the Laird of Womatt, whose estate would have yielded great relief to creditors. If particular persons receive grants out of the forfeited estates, the creditors will be great sufferers.*

We would be far from restraining your favour or disputing your commands, yet as the condition of the forfeiture stands, we leave it to you. Leith, 16 Dec. 1655. [1 *page.*]

42. III. *Account of forfeited estates in Scotland and the claims thereon:—*

	Yearly Value.						
Owners.	£	*s.*	*d.*	Charges.	£	*s.*	*d.*
James and William, Dukes of Hamilton	2,838	5	0	*Debts*	112,041	6	3
				Donatives a year:—			
				Gen. Monk	500	0	0
				Col. Englesby	500	0	0
				Col. Lilburne	300	0	0
				Col. Malverer	400	0	0
				Mrs. Rookesby	300	0	0
				Cornet Poole	80	0	0
Earl of Kelly	611	11	1	*Debts*	8,966	11	6
Lord Cranstoun	596	9	7	„	10,182	8	7
Lord Newburg	411	15	6	„	10,862	10	0
Earl Crawford	1,284	15	5	„	28,449	10	11
Earl Lauderdale	2,161	14	1	„	33,892	18	4
				Donatives a year:—			
				Com.-Gen. Whalley	500	0	0
				Judge Swinton	400	0	0
Lord Sinclair	906	17	4	*Debts*	1,160	10	6
				Let out to life-renters, &c., a year	384	0	0
Lord Abergavenny	904	1	1	*Debts*	10,634	13	8
Earl Calendar	1,554	10	7	„	24,317	4	5
Lord Montgomery	271	3	11	„	5,236	1	8
Earl Marshal	2,409	19	6	„	58,948	14	9
Lord Spinie	426	0	4	„	12,382	9	2
Maj.-Gen. Middleton	445	16	0	„	3,814	2	2
Sir Thos. Thompson	354	6	8	„	4,469	13	4
Maj.-Gen. Dalziell	100	0	0	*All disposed to Rickerton of Drunlond.*			
Lord Napier	600	0	0	*Debts*	9,786	18	4

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The disbursements of surveyors and their clerks in Scotland are 1,192*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.* [1¼ *sheets.*]

42. IV. *Order by the Commissioners for excepted estates in Scotland, on the order of* 12 *Dec.* 1655, *that the Earl of Calendar's estate be discharged, and his deeds, evidences, and personal estate restored to him; but that as to any arrears before* 12 *Dec., they have no power to dispose of them, as they have been disposed of by bills and other engagements on the estate. Edinburgh,* 16 *Jan.* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

June 10. **43.** Petition of Col. David Barclay to the Protector. In 1648 I paid large sums to creditors of the Earl Marshal in Scotland, who had lands made over to them by mortgage, which they thereupon conveyed to me; but by the Ordinance of Grace and Pardon to the people of Scotland, it is provided that no deeds on the estates shall be allowed unless made before 18 April 1648, therefore the Commissioners for allowing claims on forfeited estates refuse to allow mine. I beg an order for allowance, as the moneys were not paid to the Earl Marshal, but to the creditors, who had the lands before the said 18 April. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

43. I., II. *Two forms of proposed letters to the said Commissioners for the said allowance.* [½ *page each.*]

June 10. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 169.]

June 10. **44.** Petition of the inhabitants of Yarmouth, Wells, Southwold, and Aldborough, owners and adventurers in the Iceland fishing, to the Protector. There are 35 fishing vessels at Iceland, worth 25,000*l.*, under convoy of Capt. Edmund Thompson, in great danger of ruin by the enemies, to the utter undoing of 500 men, with their wives and families, which will cause the greater want by reason of the interruption which the war has brought on the North Sea fishing, ⅓ of about 70 fishers being already taken. Beg another ship of war to sail for Iceland to join Capt. Thompson. 17 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

44. I. *Deposition of John Fenne of Great Yarmouth, late prisoner in Dunkirk, that on* 29 *April he heard* 3 *Dunkirk captains declare they would go with their frigates to look for the Iceland fleet, and take both them and their convoy.* 27 *May* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

June 10. Order thereon in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint a good frigate of 24 guns or more from the coast of Scotland to repair with all expedition to Iceland, for further defence of the fleet there. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 171.]

June 10. **45.** Petition of divers army officers to the Protector. In the late Act for sale of forests, Needwood, Kingswood, Ashdown, and Sherwood were reserved as security for army arrears. In 1654 an Ordinance was made for their survey, and they were vested in Thos. Cooke and 9 others, for payment of the said arrears. Warrants

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have thereon been issued to the Attorney-General, to prepare commissions for the survey of these forests and Enfield Chase, and instructions prepared thereon. Beg that they may be perfected and sent to the respective Commissioners. Signed, Th. Fitch. [1 *page*.]

June 10. Order thereon in Council that the draft of the said instructions be read at the next sitting. [*I*. 77, *p*. 173.]

June 10. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the bailiff and burgesses of the borough of Blandford, co. Dorset, referred to the Committee of Council on charters, to consider the renewing of the charter of the said borough, and report. Approved in person.

2. The same Committee to think of fit persons to consider the charters of corporations to be renewed, and of fit instructions to be given them, and to report.

5. The assessment of 10,000*l*. a month on Scotland to be continued for 6 months, from June 30, and the Council in Scotland authorised to have it levied accordingly. Approved in person.

6. To advise his Highness to give the place of keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland to Lord Strathnaver, the Earl of Sutherland's son. Approved in person.

9. The report on Lord Barnwell's case to be considered next Thursday week.

10. John Gualter to be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ of all such sums as shall be brought into the Exchequer through his discoveries. Approved in person.

11. The Committee for examining the miscarriages in the trustees and surveyors of delinquents' lands to act by order of his Highness and Council, as follows :—Order that Peter Brereton, Edm. Wingate, Rich. Sydenham, Ralph Hall, and Rice Vaughan, be authorised to receive information of miscarriages by the trustees or surveyors, and to examine and proceed therein.

12. Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, Lisle, Lambert, and Strickland to consider the instructions now presented to be given to the said persons, and report.

13. The petition of Adjutant-Gen. Merest referred to Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, Lisle, Lambert, and Strickland, to report.

14. A certificate from Sir John Barkstead, Lieut.-Col. White, and Maj. Haynes, of supplies to be sent to Landguard Fort, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give warrant for sending thither such supplies as they think needful. Approved in person.

15. Appointment of 13 gentlemen named as Commissioners of assessment for the division of Lindsey, and 5 for that of Kesteven, co. Lincoln. Approved in person.

16. Appointment of Wm. Jelliff and Rob. Bedford, aldermen, and 2 others, as Commissioners for assessments in the city and county of Coventry. Approved in person.

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18. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers, viz. :—

		£
Olton, Norfolk		30
All Saints and Michael's, Derby, Derbyshire		30
Peter's,	ditto	30
Warburg,	ditto	60

Approved by the Protector in person.

19. The Committee on Scotch and Irish affairs to consider what was in debate to-day, concerning papists in Scotland and Ireland, and those in the City of London, and to report.

20. Order—on petition of the mayor, aldermen, and ministers of Newcastle-on-Tyne, with a list of masters and mariners taken at sea by the enemy and carried prisoners to Flanders, who belonged to 5 ships of Newcastle taken; and on a petition of the wives and children of the masters and companies of 6 other ships taken by the Dunkirkers, all of Bridlington; and of the wives and children of the masters and companies of 5 ships of Sunderland taken as aforesaid, and imprisoned in Flanders—that the petitions and papers be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, to take order for their exchange against Spanish subjects taken by us at sea, and now prisoners here. Approved in person.

21. Sir John Barkstead, Major-General for co. Middlesex, Sir Thos. Pride, and Lieut.-Col. White to examine the petition of the sick and maimed soldiers in the Savoy Hospital, concerning the disorderly proceedings of several persons there. Approved in person.

22. The Commissioners for estates under sequestration to transmit Charles Arundel's case to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

26. A paper presented by the Commissioners for examining fraudulent debentures referred to Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, Lisle, Lambert, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 169–173.]

June 10. The Elizabeth, off Hastings.

46. Capt. Robt. Colman to the Admiralty Commissioners. While attending the fishermen between Beachy and Dungeness, I chased three vessels; one proved to be the Fox of Ostend, of 8 guns and 56 men, and after firing several shots at her, I broke her mainmast, when she ran on shore at St. Valery en Caux. On sending my men to take possession of her, it blew so hard that they could not gain the shore or board her, and by the next morning, the French had so plundered her that they left nothing upon her but her masts and guns. I was troubled, and sent a note to the governor or general, who said I should have the ship with the prisoners; but he and the judges wanted to see my commission, which I would not send, and he refused to come or send on board to see it, but threatened to secure my men till better informed what we were. Finding uncivil dealings from those from whom I expected friendship, I fired a gun for my men to come on board, and was forced to leave the prize, after taking 3 guns and the foremast,

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and Mons. Picard, the judge, and the Vice-Adm. Mons. Fras. Regon, who had the prisoners in custody, let them go, after the French had stripped them.

Coming back I met and convoyed 8 sail of English merchantmen, bound for England, one of whom had a present for his Highness.

P.S.—Before I could get the things specified, I had to show them my old commission. [2¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

46. I. *Capt. Coleman to M. de Brionoty, governor of St. Valery. As I have chased a Dunkirk or Ostend man-of-war on your shore, and we are friends and she an enemy, I beg your aid in getting her off, and delivery of the captain and officers, and of all English and Scots on board. The Elizabeth, 7 June* 1656. [1 *page.*]

June 10. The Essex, Downs. **47.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send copies of my correspondence with the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk as to releasing the English prisoners there and at Ostend, theirs in England having been set at liberty. They have sent over as many as the packet boat could accommodate, and promised the remainder by the next passage. If our part is not performed, our men that remain will be treated still worse, though now I hear they were so miserably used there that they took up arms to free themselves. I want an order to send over a vessel for the remainder, with 50 or 60 Dunkirkers, that the rest of ours may return. The Admiralty Judges there expect an answer on Saturday.

P.S.—I shall dismiss no Ostenders who were in the frigate when the English left her; I find nothing to the contrary but that they took to the boat. I want further directions as to transporting the Swedish envoy, there being no fitting ship ready. [1⅔ *pages.*]

June 10. **48.** H. Thorndike to Williamson. I cannot write much to you or M. Cappel, being ill. It is not the intent of this edition [of the Bible] to warrant the credit of the Roman edition of the 70, much less to accept of Nobilius' translation thereof, but these copies were printed rather than those followed by the Antwerp and Paris editions; the same of the 2 Samaritans. The learned must judge of their credit. This edition is to give a true copy of both, and the Samaritan will be collated with the Jewish Hebrew if advantageous. The reasons for omitting the Masorah are undeniable. My late Lord Primate made me consult Manasseh Ben Israel about the original of it, which (as he had read) contained the bulk of a Bible carefully prepared in some of their synagogues, and he offered to pay for it, if it could be procured, so as to ascertain the reading of their Bible; but either skill or will to pleasure Christians was wanting, for I could not persuade him to comply. If it had been obtained, it could not have come into this edition, but somewhat might have been found about the value of the original.

The Syriac churches have 2 or 3 translations, one from the 70 and one from the Hebrew, which is here printed, but care will be taken to compare copies.

I hear nothing of grammars and lexicons. If any chronology be added, it should be a relation of the chief opinions, and the same of weights and measures. Thank Villalpanday for the offer of the abridgment of his description of the Temple, but we must know its bulk, and whether it can be sent on trial. [2¼ *pages, damaged.*]

June 10. Queen's College. **49.** Tim. Halton to Williamson. I am sorry you did not receive mine and its 2 enclosures from T. Butler, and Sir Laurence in Ireland. I will give you again my thoughts of the same passage. Mr. Low, the archer, is retiring to his estate. [¾ *page.*]

June $\frac{10}{20}$. Saumur. **50.** W. Leche to Williamson, Angiers. Sir John Reresby avoids this town, because at his coming he found an arrest was granted against him, but he wants you to take care of a little pistol he left in his room at Angiers, and send it here. The arrest may concern some of your gentlemen. [1 *page.*]

June 12. **51.** Petition of Wm. Reyner, minister of Egham, Surrey, to the Protector. I have laboured 40 years in this parish, which is of large extent, and the people numerous, but the living only 40*l.* a year. I have nourished up a people who are so earnest for me to stay with them that, though I have had many better offers, I dared not leave them; but I am now disabled and need an assistant, and though I have had a late augmentation, it is a bare maintenance for my family, and therefore I beg its enlargement. With request, signed by the Protector to Council, to grant the augmentation. 30 May 1656. [1 *page.*]

June 12. Order thereon in Council that the Ministers' Trustees grant him an augmentation to maintain an assistant. Noted, "Approval comprehended in his Highness's reference." [*I.* 77, *p.* 173.]

June 12. **52.** Petition of the inhabitants of Helen's parish, Ipswich, Suffolk, to the Protector. We have obtained as minister Rob. Gouge, faithful and painful, and approved by the Commissioners for approbation, but the maintenance being under 40*l.*, the Committee for Plundered Ministers on 13 Jan. 1646–7, granted our then minister 40*l.* out of the fines of Winston manor, Suffolk, belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Ely, but now sold away. We beg an augmentation in lieu thereof. 5 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

June 12. Order thereon in Council recommending to the Trustees for Ministers to allow 40*l.* a year, the order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 174, 179.]

June 12. Declaration of his Highness and Council, for the managing of the extraordinary tax raised by the Commissioners within the several counties of England and Wales, beginning 24 June 1655.

The Protector and Council having judged it necessary to raise militia, and to appoint Majors-General and associations to manage it, and having authorized a tax therefor to be raised on delinquents and disaffected persons, commencing from 24 June 1655, which moneys are to be paid in half yearly :—Order for its better management, that the Army Committee have the charge of getting

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in and issuing the said moneys, their orders to be complied with by the Majors-General, Receivers General, and county treasurers.

The Majors-General are to give in to the Army Committee perfect lists of all persons charged with yearly or gross payments, signed by themselves and 3 Commissioners, and duplicates to the Receivers-General. Also to cause the county treasurers to send in accounts of their receipts within 10 days from 25 Dec. and 24 June yearly, noting any alterations from or additions to the former list. The Majors-General are also to return the addresses of the county treasurers, and cause the muster rolls to be sent to the Commissary General of Musters, and duplicates to the Army Committee; the Commissary General to obey the directions of the Army Committee.

The county treasurers are to deliver up to the Army Committee a perfect account of all sums received in the ½ year ended 21 Dec. last, of their disposal, and by whose warrant, and of the balance in hand, which the said Committee are to allow, or if not satisfied, to refer to Council.

John Blackwell and Rich. Deane are hereby appointed Receivers-General for the said tax, which is to be paid to them by the county treasurers, and the Army Committee are to issue warrants for its disposal, in payment of the militia forces, with arrears. They have power to assign any part for immediate payment of the forces in the respective counties.

Blackwell and Deane, on receipt of all or any part of the tax into their hands as Treasurers-at-war, are to have full discharges as Receivers-General. All officers of Exchequer to conform to these orders. The Army Committee to appoint such clerks or servants to execute this trust, and pay them such salaries as they think fit.

Agreed to in Council and the blank filled up to 24 June 1655, 12 June. Approved by the Protector 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 178–9, 902–4.]

June 12. **53, 54.** Instructions for survey of the 4 forests reserved for arrears of soldiers, &c. To enquire into the extent of the forests, the nature and validity of the claims thereon by towns or villages, bodies corporate, or individuals; the erection of buildings contrary to orders, &c.; all claims to be allowed that existed before 25 March 1641, excepting those held by grants from the Crown; they have power to make compositions, settle boundaries, highways, sale of timber, &c., and employ a messenger and clerk. [2 *copies,* 5 *and* 7 *sheets; also I.* 77, *pp.* 905–8.] *Annexing,*

54. I. *Lists of the Commissioners appointed for survey of Kingswood, Needwood, Sherwood, and Enfield forests and chaces, and Lancaster Great Park. Noted as passed the signet* 14 *March* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

54. II. *Another list of the said Commissioners.* [1 *page.*]

54. III. *Note of* 4 *Commissioners, including* 2 *for Ashdown.* [*Scrap.*]

June 12. Order in Council accepting the said instructions, and advising their approval; also order for a letter to the Commissioners for survey of Forests, that though satisfaction is ordered to the lords of the soil of the waste for their interest, it is not to exceed ½ without certifying Council. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 175–6, 179.]

[June 12.] **55.** Petition of Margaret, Countess of Worcester, to the Protector. Not having received these 9 years more than 400*l.* in lieu of jointure, fifths or thirds, and finding only Worcester House unsold, I am in pursuit to discover some other things belonging to the late or now Earl, and beg the grant thereof. [¾ *page.*]

[June 12.] **56.** Similar petition. I was married in 1639, with a portion of 20,000*l.*; the things to be discovered are my husband's, in right of his father. With reference thereon, 19 May, to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **56.** I. *Henry, Lord Herbert, to the Marchioness of Worcester, London. I so really wish you to have Worcester House during my father's lifetime, that if it depended on my coming up to London, I would soon wait on you there. Let this satisfy you or any other thereof. Badminton,* 9 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

June 12. Note that on reading the said petition in Council, and putting the question whether the prayer should be granted, it passed in the negative. [*I.* 77, *p.* 177.]

June 12. **57.** Petition of Major Edm. Rolfe to the Protector. You referred my former annexed petition, on 7 Aug. 1655, to the Army Committee, to certify my debts to the State, and theirs to me. On 24 August they certified that 393*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* is due to me; that I have 857*l.* 14*s* .4*d.* due on public faith bills, but some are suspected as being bought from Mr. Manley, who is in Serjeant Dendy's custody; and that they do not think the allowance of 5*s.* a day is due [*see* 1 *Sept.* 1654]. I reply that I bought bills of Manley at 5*s.* 2*d.*, the current value, in October 1652, but did not know that he was suspected.

When I was employed as Commissioner in the Isle of Wight, you led me to hope for pay, though the public affairs did not admit time for settlement, and I was at Carisbrook Castle 218 days in the most expensive part of the trust. I would rather loose my public faith bills than usher in an evil precedent, and will obey your order therein, only I beg discharge from the debt. With reference thereon to Council, signed by the Protector, 10 June 1656. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

> **57.** I. *Petition alluded to, which is to the same effect as that of* 1 *Sept.* 1654, *begging discharge of his account, or pardon for the same in the Exchequer, and he will assign over the like sum in public securities.* [¾ *page.*]

June 12. Reference thereon in Council to the Lord Deputy, Lambert, Sydenham, and Desborow, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 177.]

June 12. **58.** Petition of John Warren, minister of Hemel Hempstead, co. Herts, to the Protector. The parish is large, and the market of great public resort. I have a family of 10, have preached 9 years, and undergone great hardship rather than remove. On the death

1656. of the sequestered incumbent, I have lately paid 40*l.* for first fruits, tenths, &c. There are 47*l.* augmentable profits paid in yearly by Rich. Combe, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ years ago I petitioned the Trustees for Ministers for an augmentation, but after I spent much time and money, they postponed the case, and said they must have your special order. This I beg, the rather because a parsonage of 160*l.* a year has lately fallen to the Trustees in the next parish. With reference to Council, signed by the Protector, 10 June 1656. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 12. Reference thereon by Council to the Trustees for Ministers, who are to settle an augmentation, and order payment, the late restraint notwithstanding. Approved 13 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 177, 179.]

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2. Confirmation by Council of a reference by the Protector to the Committee for Approbation of public Preachers, of the petition and testimonial of the inhabitants of Winston, co Suffolk, on behalf of Wm. Walker, their minister; the said Committee to do as they think best, or certify.

3. Order—on petition of Wm. Selsby, yeoman of his Highness's guard, shewing that John Lee, citizen and saddler of London, unduly arrested him in the Court of Conscience—that John Lee and Edw. Stafford, the serjeant-at-arms who arrested him, attend Lord Strickland, captain of his Highness's guard, to give account concerning the matter when Strickland shall appoint, and that he enquire and report thereon.

4. Maj.-Gen. Goffe's letter of 7 May to Sec. Thurloe, and a surcharge enclosed of public money remaining with John Woodman, late collector of sequestrations in Hampshire, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to see that the State suffer no prejudice.

7. Dr. Owen, Mr. Caryll, and Mr. Sterry to read the catalogue of books in the library of the late Dr. Usher, archbishop of Armagh, and to report what manuscripts or other books should be bought by the State, and meanwhile the sale thereof is to be forborne.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the petition of Margaret, widow of Capt. Benj. Sacheverell, commander of the President frigate, who was killed on the 4th inst. in an engagement with an Ostend man-of-war, and to report.

9. Order—on report from the Committee to whom the charters for corporations were referred—that Pet. Brereton, Wm. Shephard, Thos. Manby, and Gabriel Beck consider all charters the renewing of which is prayed, and draw up the alterations proposed to be made, with such variations as they find best for religion and good government, and the discouraging of vice. Also make an estimate of the usual charge of passing charters, that it may be reduced to a moderate proportion, and dispatched quickly, and present what they prepare to the Committee for Charters. Also that they consider the charter of Blandford Forum. *Annexing,*

59. *Report on which the said order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

11. Order, on report from the Committee for the renewal of Charters on the Colchester petition [*see* 4 *April* 1856] showing the

June 12. inconveniences in the present charter dated 11 Charles, and proposed alterations and amendments, to advise his Highness to accept a surrender of the former charter, and to renew it by patent under the Great Seal, so altered and amended. *Annexing,*

60. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Sydenham.* [1 *page.*]

60. I. *Notes of alterations proposed in the new charter; e.g., in the words of incorporation; number of the aldermen and common council, reducing them to 34 instead of 42; the choice of mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen, high steward, recorder, and town clerk; the mayor, aldermen, &c., to be chosen by the corporation, instead of a previous nomination by the free burgesses. Four attorneys chosen by the corporation to practise in the town courts, removeable on misdemeanour. Also alterations in the mode of removing officers; fining those refusing office; naming of the officers; and licensing alehouses. The mayor and aldermen to choose 4 free burgesses yearly as serjeants of the mace. No fishermen who bring fish up the Colne to break bulk till they bring the fish to Colchester Quay. The corporation to choose the members of Parliament if any be required to sit.* [2 *double sheets.*]

12. Order, on Sydenham's report from the Committee on several reports from the Treasury Commissioners,—one being an account of proceedings on the late proclamation for convicting recusants, by their not taking the oath of abjuration; the other a draft of instructions for the best improvement of papists and delinquents' estates,—to advise a warrant to pass the instructions under the Seal of the Exchequer to the several counties in England and Wales, directed to such persons as his Highness shall approve.

13. The Treasury Commissioners to consider fit persons to be Commissioners in the several counties, insert their names in the commissions, and send them up to his Highness.

14. The petitions of the mayor, aldermen, and common council of the City of Gloucester referred to Jones, Sydenham, Lambert, Wolsley, Pickering, the Lord Deputy, and Desborow, to report.

18. Order, on a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers,—on reference 27 May last of the petition of the inhabitants of St. Ives, Cornwall, for 50*l.* a year augmentation from St. Keverne's Rectory (conveyed by Sir Thos. Hele in his composition, for maintenance of ministers in the county who have not been approved by the Commissioners for preachers), whereupon the trustees seized the tithes, and recommended 20*l.* therefrom to the minister of Alvington, and 50*l.* for St. Ives, a market town with only 14*l.* a year for the minister—approving and ordering the said augmentations. Approved by the Protector, 27 June. *Annexing,*

61. *Certificate on which the above order is granted, 5 June* 1856. [1 *page.*]

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June 12. 19. The alterations and reductions reported by Lambert, made on advice of the Majors-General, in the pay of the militia forces, viz., for the Majors-General of Middlesex, Westminster, North and South Wales, and the clerks, messengers, doorkeepers, and contingencies in the several counties, read, amended, and passed. Approved 13 June.

21. Approval of a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 29 April, for uniting the parishes of St. Mary and Benedict, and for uniting the rectory of All Saints and St. John's, in Huntingdon. Approved by the Protector, 13 June.

22. The petition of the inhabitants and owners within St. Mary and Benedict's parishes referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to consider an augmentation of 80*l.* to the minister, and of 40*l.* to Mr. Taylor, the schoolmaster, of Huntingdon, and settle it as they think fit. [*I.* 77, *p.* 173–8.]

June 12. Establishment for the militia forces in England and Wales from 24 June, 1656, reduced from that of 11 April. Total yearly cost, 67,010*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* [*I*, 77, *pp.* 884–901.]

June 13. Approval by the Protector of 19 orders, 16 May to 12 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 178–9.]

June 13. London. **62.** *Mrs. Ross* to *Jack Trethwey.* I send you a letter from *John Weston* to *the King. Weston* will treat with no one but *me*, being the only person that propounded the match between *Major Wildman* and *the King.* Mr. *Pile* is writing. [¾ *page; italics are cyphers, undecyphered.*] *Annexing,*

62. i. *Jas. Warner* [*Weston ?*] *to the King. I told you in my last, which is not to hand, that the factor whom I recommended to you was only unfortunate; he still wishes to perform what he conditioned for, but his partners have not had his inclinations since the last great north wind sunk their prime vessel, and made them throw over much rich lading, for such was the tempest that the best pilots had their ships scattered, though not sunk.*

I told you that your friend Blackman is far gone in the scurvy; he is to try a course of steel at the fall of the leaf. I wish I could see you here, but it cannot be unless you compound with your creditors and some debtors at a much lower rate than is your due. If you go to law, you will recover nothing; but if you can engage some of them to be witnesses for you, in time you may bring them all to what you please. [1 *page.*]

June 13. London. **63.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Williamson. I am troubled that you do not get my letters and remittances for Brome. I shall therefore write by Robinson rather than Carbonel's factor. I will consult with Sir Fras. Norris about your intended motion with your charge, which I like. I am sorry they make so slow progress with their French, but better creep than stand still; do all you can to promote it. Tell Brome I am sorry he is such a blockhead, pleasing himself rather than me. [1 *page.*]

June 15. **64.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Your bills will be answered to your content. I hope Mr. Calander is with you, and the cloth, &c., arrived. Mr. Thorndick gave me your MS. to send to Dr. Lough. All are well at College; Justice Lowther says you have another gentleman sent you. Mr. Lowther's father is here.

It is rumoured that some of our men are to besiege Dunkirk; meantime we are furnishing 30 new frigates to secure us against their pretences, and 10 soldiers are to be drawn out of each company for them. Our merchants and seamen have suffered much of late.

P.S.—Your letters cost more postage than before, I pay mine outward. We want 6 copies of Saranius' epistles, and 6 or 10 French testaments with Psalms. Mr. Calander's landlord will not pay for the books without his order. [1 *page.*]

June 16. **65.** Petition of David Fithey, merchant, Thos. Hare, commander of the Anne Piercy, and Laurence Browning, commander of the Francis and John, to the Protector. Our ships, of 260 tons each, bound for Archangel, are not allowed to sail from Gravesend, because your Highness has commanded their stay for 14 days, till some other ships of great burden, but no force, can go with them. By this we shall be greatly damaged, as our charges are 100*l.* a week, and we shall lose this fair wind and the advantage of the market for our goods. We beg either leave to sail, or for the other ships to bear our charges meantime. With holograph reference by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

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The Speaker,
Cascaes Road.

66. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. I fear to displease you with my weakness, but I have much disquiet. I find my present employment very irksome, and clogging my enjoyment of better things, and would gladly leave it if I could do without it.

The fleet arrived here on the 5th inst., and forced a conclusion of the 5 years' work already spent, which would have taken 5 more in shuffling, had we not come and lain between the Brazils fleet and home. The Colchester went to Lisbon and received the 50,000*l.* ordered to be paid on the agreement, and it has since been shipped in the Sapphire and Phœnix for England. The Rear-Admiral with his squadron were also sent for from Cadiz here. The Spanish business does not look handsomely, but I conceive our designs will take effect, and be greatly for the honour of the nation. We hear 4 Hollanders got into Cadiz with anchors, cables, powder, and shot, while the Rear-Admiral was watering at Tanzy [Tangiers?]. I think Cadiz, with the Spanish Armada lying unrigged, is worth the sending over 8,000 or 10,000 men, as if Cadiz should not be taken, yet the beleaguring of it, while we are destroying, the Armada, would save a deal of charge, by keeping less ships upon that coast, and the Spaniard would be wholly undone, and we should thus be able, with less danger, to possess and keep any place we have a mind to for the future upon his sea coast.

P.S.—The Generals hearing that the man-of-war which took the Cullen was gone into Vigo with her prize, have sent the Fairfax with 5 others, either to bring her away or burn her. [2½ *pages.*]

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Levant Company to Hen. Riley, consul at Aleppo. The foregoing lines are copy of our last, whereunto we add this particular. When our debts at that place shall be totally cleared (which we hope through your care will now be soon effected), we resolve that one consulage extraordinary shall notwithstanding be continued on all goods both out and in, at all places in Turkey, to go upon the credit of those to whom the Company owes money, at the rate of 5*s.* the dollar, to be paid down by the rest, which last consulage we would have invested in silk or some other commodities, and sent hither for the Company's account, to be employed towards lessening their debts here. We therefore desire you to see to the collection of this and our usual consulage, and you shall have a list of our creditors. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 274.]

June 17. **67.** Petition of John Pimlowe, minister of Holbeach, co. Lincoln, to the Protector. You granted an order for examination of my articles against John Hobson [*see* 26 *Oct.* 1655, *and* 20 *Feb.* 1656.], and appointed further proof at last Lincoln assizes; but partly through my absence, I had only a day's notice, and some of the witnesses could not come, but would come next assizes, only Mr. Hobson has terrified them, by threats and arrest, to put their hands to the contrary of what they deposed. I therefore beg a special order to Major-Gen. Whalley to issue a summons to the officers of towns to bring up the witnesses next assizes, or it will be impossible to proceed. With order accordingly. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

67. I. *List of* 44 *witnesses from Holbeach and the neighbourhood to be summoned, and request for space to be left in the order for many others whose names are out of memory.* [1 *sheet.*]

June 17. Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 181.]

[June 17.] **68.** Petition of the inhabitants of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, to the Committee for Trade and Navigation. We have had a weekly market and a yearly fair on Corpus Christi day, free of toll, except for the enrolment of cattle sold, and for pens for cattle, and stalls for wares. As it is a fit place for sale of country and London goods, we beg 3 more fairs in October, Lent, and Easter. Noted as subscribed by 97 persons. [1½ *pages, copy, but no signatures.*] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Certificate by* 11 *justices of peace for co. Herts in favour of the fairs.* [⅔ *page Copy.*]

68. II. *Like certificate by the mayor and* 78 *persons of St. Alban's.* [½ *page. Copy.*]

68. III. *Like certificate by* 598 *inhabitants of adjacent towns.* [½ *page. Copy.*]

68. IV. *Report of the Committee for Trade on the above petition, in favour of the fairs requested,* 7 *April* 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

June 17. Order in Council—on report from the Committee to whom the said report was referred—that the Attorney-General grant his warrant for the usual letters of *ad quod damnum* for the three fairs to be held as requested. [*I.* 77, *p.* 184.]

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1. Order on a letter from the Council in Scotland, in answer to one from Council of May 20 concerning Lord Cranston's estate, and on special request from the King of Sweden, through his ambassador, that Lord Cranston's estate in Scotland be absolutely discharged from confiscation. Approved 19 June.

2. Order on petition of divers officers of the garrisons in the Isle of Wight, to advise his Highness to authorise the Treasury Commissioners to pay Maj. Thos. Boreman 500*l.*, in satisfaction for the 122*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* laid out in repair of the garrison, and on account for further repairs.

3. Maj. Thomas Boreman, Geo. Searle,—Cole of Cowes, and Ant. Billinghurst, to survey the several castles and forts in the Isle of Wight, see what repairs are necessary, estimate the cost, and report.

5. Order on report from the committee on the desires of Vice-Admiral Goodson's wife,—that 300*l.* should be paid for her present relief in part of her husband's pay—that the Admiralty Commissioners give warrant for its payment accordingly.

6. Council to meet next Friday.

7. The petition of James Haviland and Chas. de la March, deputies of Guernsey, referred to Sydenham, Wolsley, Jones, Strickland, Rous, the Lord-Deputy, and Lisle, to report.

8. Order on report on the petition of Ald. John Frederick [*see* 9 *May* 1656], that Lady Mary Darcy have a full third of the value of the silver, but that 50*l.* be allowed to Frederick out of the proceeds, and the rest paid into the Exchequer. Approved 27 June. *Annexing,*

69. *Report alluded to, not signed.* [1 *page.*]

9. 10. A letter from the Council in Scotland of 22 May, concerning the Treasurer of the moneys arising from fines, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report. Also Lord Broghill's letter of 10 June, concerning the ministry in Scotland.

11. Order on report from the Trade Committee,—that although the list they sent in on 11 Jan. of the names and salaries of their officials was approved, and the officers have exercised their functions faithfully for half a year, yet they have received no salary,—that the half year's salary be paid from the Council's contingencies.

12. Order on report from the Committee to whom the petition of John Buck, about his difference with his wife Mary, was committed [*see* 15 *January* 1655–6], that the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal send for the parties and such of their relations as they think fit, and endeavour a friendly composure of the difference, and if they fail, certify their proceedings and opinion to Council. *Annexing,*

70. *Order in the Committee to whom the case was referred, that Edw. Carpenter, Fras. Huett, Thos. Hatcher, and Thos. Skipwith endeavour a friendly composure of the differences, and if they fail, that Rob. Ashton try to perfect it, Mary Turner, the mother, consenting to this order.* 14 *February* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

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70. I. *Certificate of Huett and Carpenter that they cannot proceed because Mrs. Buck requests them not to meddle, and says she will give reasons for not submitting to the reference.* 21 *February* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

70. II. *Certificate by Hatcher, Skipwith, and Ashton, that Mr. Buck is forward to procure a meeting and composure of the differences, but they cannot proceed through Mrs. Buck's not consenting.* 22 *February* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

70. III., IV. *Order in the Committee for the case on the above certificates, to recommend as their opinion that Mrs. Buck's child should be found and delivered to her husband, unless she show cause to the contrary in a fortnight, and that Mr. Jessop, Clerk of Council, write her to this effect,* 27 *March* 1656. [*Draft and fair copy.*]

70. V. *Shorthand notes of depositions in the case,* 27 *March.* [⅔ *pages.*]

70. VI. *Depositions of Alice Thornton and Mary Hodson, that about* 17 *January* 1655–6, *Mrs. Buck was delivered, in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, of a male child, who was baptized William, and was taken away on January* 20*th by a nurse brought by Mrs. Turner, and they know not what has become of it.* 8 *May* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

70. VII. *Report on the case that Mr. Buck is willing to live with his wife, or to maintain her respectably apart, and to provide for the child, on proof that a suppositious child is not obtruded on him as heir to his estate, and that Mrs. Turner should be required to produce the child.* [1⅔ *page.*]

14. Order that there be paid to Col. Robt. Lilburne, on account for repairing the Manor House at York, 400*l.* of such concealed money or land in the hands of persons unpardoned as he shall discover, the Commissioners for Discoveries to receive his discoveries, and proceed according to their commission, and on their allowance of such, to certify, in order that the State's dues may be recovered, and the 400*l.* paid out of them. Approved 27 June.

15. The mayor of York, Thos. Dickenson, alderman of York, and Ralph Rymer, to view the said Manor House, and certify what repairs are necessary, and at what charge.

17. Order—on a report from the Treasury Commissioners that the Sequestration Commissioners, on 4 writs of *certiorari*, have certified into Chancery the names of all persons sequestered for delinquency, and of all ⅔ of whose estates are sequestered for recusancy, and of all debts due by them for fines on composition,—that the Attorney-General should direct the clerks of the petty bag in Chancery to send transcripts of the said writs and returns into the Court of Exchequer. *Annexing,*

71. *Report on which the said order is founded.* 8 *March* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

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18. Order—on a particular of money acknowledged by the respective persons holding it, to the late Commissioners for Discoveries, in all 2,206*l.* 11*s.* 7½*d.*, beside interest thereon, according to the date of the bonds—that the said particular be sent to the Treasury Commissioners, to have the money got in speedily, and that all papers, &c., concerning it be sent them also, as evidence to make out the said debts.

19. To advise his Highness to authorise the Treasury Commissioners to pay Walter Frost 140*l.* for the Council's contingencies, on account for paying the salaries for ½ year to the officers of the Trade Committee.

20. Order on report from the Committee of Council on Sir Humphrey Styles's petition, and a certificate from the Treasury Commissioners thereon,—the petition taking notice of divers intrusions and encroachments, by building or otherwise, within the bounds of the palace of Westminster, certified by an inquisition in the late King's time, and a grant made to the petitioner, 13 Car., of ¾ of all compositions for the same, the other ¼ being payable into the Exchequer, beside an annual rent for ever; in prosecution whereof he obtained a decree in the Exchequer against divers intruders to demolish the encroachments, in case of non-composition, to his charge of 2,000*l.*, and praying the like commission and grant, which statements the Committee find true, and think his Highness's interest is recoverable by law in the Exchequer Court—that the Treasury Commissioners put the matter into the best way for clearing his Highness's interest in the encroachments, and get possession thereof, and also allow the petitioner such part of the discoveries as they think meet. Approved 27 June.

21. The petition of Wm. Marketman referred to Jones, Sydenham, Desborow, Lord Deputy, and Lambert, to report.

22. Order that as Nich. Lockyer has not received any part of the sums ordered him 15 Nov. last [*see p.* 100 *supra*], to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay them from moneys due before the late Commissioners for Discoveries, amounting to 2,206*l.* 11*s.* 7½*d.*, beside interest, till 2,500*l.* is paid him, in lieu of the said order, of an order of the late Council of State of 30 June 1653, and of his Highness and Council of 6 Feb. 1653–4, settling lands value 200*l.* a year on him out of the late Deans and Chapters' lands, and on receipt thereof he is to convey Hambledon and Blackwell manors, co. Worcester, by him purchased, back to the State.

24. The petition and papers of Anthony Maxey, of Saling, co. Essex, for discharge from the extraordinary tax, for reasons given, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners of the county, to act therein according to their instructions. Approved 27 June.

27. Order on petition of Col. Simon Rugely, that as he received no benefit by a former order of 13 Feb. 1653–4, viz.:—that the 3,346*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* due to him on the public faith for interest and principal, also the 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* due for personal service, should be satisfied out of his discoveries, and that the Commissioners for accounts and clearing public debts should pay it him:—that the Commissioners for

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discoveries receive such discoveries as Rugely shall make, examine and proceed therein according to their commission, and allow Rugely the above sums specified. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 179–185.]

June 17. **72.** G. Bodurda to Jno. Powell, Admiralty Chamber. Pray inform Col. Clerke that the Lord Chief Justice Glynn desires to speak to him to-morrow morning, at the side bar, before the sitting of the Upper Bench Court. If my lord had known where to have met him, he would have saved him the trouble. [1 *page.*]

June 17. Dover. **73.** Thos. White to the Navy Commissioners. I send up Jasper Henrickson, late trumpeter of the Greyhound, who has come from Dunkirk in the packet boat, with a letter from the Admiralty Judges, desiring that their men may be sent over, as they send ours. I hear that that ship cost them very dear, viz., the lives of 60 persons, besides 18 wounded. It is said that 13 sail of Dunkirkers are to the westward of Dover in 3 fleets; I hope our frigates will spoil their sport. The Lord put a bridle into their nostrils, for they grow very insolent and increase much. They brag that our ships are undermanned. [¾ *page.*]

June $\frac{17}{27}$. Paris. **74.** C. George to Williamson. I send you a bill for 600 livres, having retained the surplus, 11*l.* sterling, on account. [*French,* ½ *page.*]

June 18. Weston. **75.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. Mr. Whorwood only said he would send for his son when I sent for mine, but only that I love Ned's company, I think he is as well there; if he wishes to go further, I will not hinder. The route you speak of for Italy is somewhat dangerous, both by sea and land. Tell me what Ned desires; he will be much bettered by this going abroad. Do not let him have too much disputation about religion.

We have hot weather. Ned should avoid violent excursions and strong wine. God preserve him from infection. Tell him his colt is a very fine one. Private news. Noted as received Aug. 19. [1 *page.*]

June 18. The Essex, Downs. **76.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send two papers received from Dunkirk respecting the exchange of prisoners, but not noticing the abuse of the English with them. Knipple, whom they wish to exchange for Joel Mitchell, is, they say, still here, and his father has got several able seamen, supposed to be merchants, as his prisoners till his son is restored. I hear 9 Dunkirk and Ostend men-of-war have gone westward, and if Capt. Mackey with his ship's head had plied off the coast of Flanders, according to orders, he would not have missed them, but they ranged westward as far as Dungeness. The Advice should be sent there, her commander being very active, and knowing the coast well. I hear from Dunkirk that 4 of their frigates meeting the Greyhound, they had a sharp dispute and boarded her, when she blew up, killing 60 of their men, and only 2 English being saved. There are 4 ships named in the Downs. [1¾ *pages.*]

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June 18. The Essex, Downs. **77.** Capt. Jer. Smyth, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I find that the English put on board the Ostender exceeded the Ostenders, but they going away in the night (as I hear by one of them who has arrived in the Downs, and said they all landed safe in the Ostender's boat), next morning Hamilton, a Scotchman, cried out that they should not come on board to plunder, unless they would save all their lives, by taking them all aboard their frigates, which was all the refusal.

I have told all the commanders within my reach about increasing their complement of men. I enclose a list of 14 suspected seamen, English, Irish, and Scotch, amongst the Ostenders, whom I have ordered Capt. Plumleigh to carry with others to Dover and deliver them to the Deputy Governor, and to bring back a receipt for them, which he has done, the number mentioned being 112; 50 inconsiderable men, 25 of whom were youths, I discharged.

I hope the Admiralty Commissioners will put a more favourable construction on my last to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk, as I merely suggested the exchange of prisoners according to their quality, and not in number. They want masters of merchant-men released in lieu of commanders of their frigates. There were then nearly 200 Ostenders aboard the several frigates in the Downs, of which you had no notice, neither knew I that they should be set at liberty. John Mitchell, designated as a Dunkirk merchant, is only an ordinary seaman, and I engaged for his discharge as such; as for Knipple, I never heard of him before; I believe the Admiralty Judges there are now satisfied. I have again written them your pleasure about their prisoners released here, and complained of the abuse of the English with them. Particulars of ships. [3 *pages.*] *Annexing.*

77. i. *List of* 14 *prisoners alluded to.* [⅔ *page.*]

June 19. **78.** Petition of Devereux Wyatt, captain of Tenby garrison, to the Protector, for letters of reprisal against the Spaniards, and for some place in the Customs about Pembroke, his birth-place. When master of the Jeane of Tenby, coming from Sebastian's, bound for London, she was met in 1640 by Bowden Suecart, captain of a Dunkirk man-of-war, who boarded her, and stripping him of his doublet, presented a writing to him to subscribe, threatening to stab him if he did not; the effect of it was that his said ship was bound for France. The said captain thereupon brought the ship and lading for Dunkirk, and on the enforced confession, condemned it as prize and disposed of it. The damage proved in the Admiralty was 1,700*l.*, and for satisfaction of his loss there have been divers agitations with the Spanish Ambassador and Agent of Flanders, Sigor Claugon, but without effect. Is aged, and has 9 children, one in service at sea. With reference thereon to Council, 5 May, 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing.*

78. i. *Note by Wyatt to Strickland and Sydenham, to request them to call for his petition in Mr. Hartlib's hands.* [⅓ *page.*]

78. II. *Abstract of Capt. Wyatt's proceedings towards recovery of his ship, in* 1640, 1641, 1649. [1 *page.*]

78. III. *Deposition in the case by Cleyden Pelleryne, of Audierne, Brittany,* 23 *June,* 1640. [7 *pages.*]

78. IV. *Like deposition by Wyatt himself,* 20 *Jan.,* 1640–1. [2⅓ *pages.*]

78. V. *Certificate of his fidelity to Parliament by Wm. Phillips, sheriff* [*of co. Glamorgan*], *and* 9 *others,* 9 *Jan.* 1646–7, *and his own declaration of his long and fruitless attendance.* [¾ *page.*]

June 19. Order thereon in Council, granting him letters of reprizal for 1,700*l.* against the Spainards, on the usual security. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 186, 212; *I.* 114, *p.* 3.]

June 19. **79.** Petition of George Martin, mayor, and the aldermen and inhabitants of Leicester to the Protector. Our unworthiness has deprived us of our former blessing of able and pious ministers, and we are as sheep without a shepherd, being numerous, but with no settled ministry. There are 6 parishes and 5 churches, all without incumbents, because the maintenance of all is not 100*l.* a year. This will lead to a famine of the word, ignorance, and profaneness. We therefore beg augmentations, which, with the revenues which we can raise from our small estates, will encourage ministers to settle among us. 37 signatures, including Wm. Simes, lecturer at Leicester. [1 *double sheet.*]

June 19. Order thereon in Council to recommend to the Trustees for Ministers augmentations for 3 able and fitting ministers for Leicester, the former order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 186.]

[June 19.] **80.** Petition of John Dillingham, of Mellwood, Isle of Axholme, gentleman, to the Protector. On intelligence from London, on 14 June last, that on trial, the jury had found a verdict for Nath. Reading, and the participants in Hatfield chace, against the inhabitants of Epworth, Isle of Axholme, the latter reviled and threatened me because of my acquaintance with Reading, though I have always tried to compose differences; and on 16 June, Jas. Mawe and his sons drove cattle into 60 acres of my meadow, and pulled down fences. The tenants neither dare repair the fences nor drive away the cattle, and the commoners say they have as much right to defend their common with their swords as the Protector has the government he has taken upon him. They also wounded, and attempted to kill one of my tenants, who was subpœned as a witness on the trial, and said they would hang his quarters in several places.

I dare not leave my doors for fear of my life, and there is no remedy at law, as the justices of peace dare not act against the pleasure of the commoners. I beg, for the sake of the public peace, a speedy suppression of these violences. [1 *sheet.*]

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June 19. Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, and Desborrow, added to the Committee, to whom the petition of the French and Dutch Protestants in Hatfield chace is referred. [*I.* 77, *p.* 188; *see* 15 *April* 1656.]

June 19. **81.** Petition of Carew Reynell, sen., of Binstead, co. Hants, to the Protector. On 14 March 1654–5, the Wednesday after the late rising at Salisbury, and the day on which that party was taken at South Moulton, co. Devon, my eldest son, Carew, aged 20, went to visit relatives in co. Devon, but was apprehended at Apsam Ferry, and sent to Exeter gaol, on suspicion of going to join the party. If he should have been misled to do so, by youth and evil counsel, I beg his pardon and release, this being his first offence, and I will labour to make him repent his errors, and be more strictly watchful over him. With reference to Council, 19 June 1656. [1 *sheet*]. *Annexing,*

81. I. *Certificate by Rich. Norton, Col. W. Goffe, and* 9 *others, and by the following ministers:—Step. Webbe of Basingstoke, John Brokett of Bentworth, Rich. Downes of Eastmean, and John Yates of Binstead, to the quiet conduct of Carew Reynell, sen., for* 20 *years past.* [1 *page.*]

June 19. Order thereon in Council that Gen. Desborow take security from the father for the good conduct of the son, and then allow him to return home. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 190–212.]

June 19. **82.** Petition of Capt. Hen. Jackson to the Protector. In 1642 I raised a troop of horse at my own charge, for which the Committee of co. Stafford gave me a public faith bill for 850*l.* I commanded the troop 4 years, and at its disbanding, had a debenture for 2,315*l.* arrears, but have received nothing, though I have ever since assisted in keeping the peace. I beg an order for payment from my discoveries of concealed estates. With reference to the Privy Council, 12 June 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Order in the County Committee for payment of* 850*l. for* 80 *horses, furniture, and arms raised by Jackson.* 12 *May* 1643. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

82. II. *Certificate by the County Commissioners to his service from* 12 *March* 1642–3 *to* 20 *Jan.* 1646-7, *behaving very gallantly, and having but small pay, hardly enough for the soldiers. Stafford,* 22 *March* 1647–8. [1 *page, copy.*]

82. III. *Statement by the Militia Commissioners of his accounts and arrears; balance due* 2,315*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* 20 *Dec.* 1650. [1 *sheet.*]

June 19. Order in Council for payment to him of the said 2 sums, amounting to 3,105*l.* 6*s.* from the ½ of discoveries of estates and goods to be made by him. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 191, 212.]

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3. John Walter to be allowed a full fifth of all lands, moneys, &c., coming into the State on his discovery of frauds in debentures, certificates of debts, public faith bills, and Worcester House

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bonds made to the Commissioners for examining such frauds, who are to give him warrants for ⅕ of the profits received. Approved in person.

4. The paper reported by Lambert of additional instructions to the Majors-General read, then read in parts, and agreed to. Approved in person.

5. In the order of June 5 concerning the payment of a month's pay to the wives of officers and soldiers sent to Jamaica, the words "and widows" to be inserted.

6. Approval of an augmentation granted by the Trustees for Ministers of 30*l.* a year to Bungay, Suffolk. Approved by the Protector 27 June.

8. Maj.-Gen. Whalley to visit Wigston's Hospital, co. Leicester, examine the value of its revenues in possession and reversion, and how they are employed, consider its condition, and report; meanwhile the renewing of leases and granting estates of the land or revenues to be forborne, till further order from Council. Approved in person.

9. The petition of divers merchants trading to Holland and other parts in woollen commodities referred to the Trade Committee, to consider tomorrow, hear those concerned, and report.

10. Jones, Strickland, Sydenham, and Wolsley to be present at the said meeting of the Trade Committee, for the above purpose, and to regulate the government of merchant adventurers; the care thereof specially referred to Wolsley and Jones. Approved in person.

11. Jones, Strickland, Sydenham, and Wolsley to consider the desire of the merchants trading to Holland, &c., concerning giving them time to vent and transport the woollen clothes and woollen manufactures they bought, and to report.

12. Thos. Banks added to the Trade Committee. Approved in person.

13. The petition of Chas. Needham, of Hallam, co. Chester, that the decimation laid on his estate may be discharged, and a certificate from the Commissioners of the county referred to the Major-General and Commissioners, to act therein according to justice. Approved 27 June.

14. The petition of Sir Tim. Tyrrell referred to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, Lambert, Fiennes, Desborrow, Lisle, Strickland, Jones, and Wolsley, to report what should be done in such cases.

16. Order—on Jones' report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have been obliged, for the better securing of trade, and clearing the coasts of pirates, to fit out for sea the Wolf and Lark prizes, of the 6th rate, and the Fame frigate, of the 5th rate, and that 525 men will be wanted for the several frigates, as the enemy sails so well manned, according to the proportions in a list annexed. —that the said proceeding is approved, and the Commissioners desired to furnish the additional men. Approved 27 June.

18. To remind his Highness to speed an Ambassador to Sweden.

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20. The matter communicated by Mr. Secretary, on a letter from Mr. Scott, referred to Jones, Strickland, Desborow, Lambert, Lord Deputy, Fiennes, Sydenham, and Wolsley; Mr. Secretary to assist.

21. Farrington to be sent for to attend this Committee.

22–24. Lord Lambert reports a list of particulars, as bedding, ironware, &c., needed for Jamaica; and the Committee for Jamaica is to treat with Mr. Noel for providing them. Approved 27 June.

25. The petition of James Taudin, pewterer, and Peter Gerard, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to the Excise Commissioners, to send for the parties, examine the business, and report.

26. Col. Sydenham to speak with the Lord Chief Baron, that stay may be made of the prosecution against the petitioners in the Exchequer.

28. Council to meet next Wednesday, and consider first the reports now tendered by Col. Jones.

29. The several letters from the Council in Scotland—of 20 March, 1655–6, concerning coin in Scotland; of 29 May, 1656, about gathering in of moneys in collectors' and receivers' hands; and of 7 June, 1656, from Gen. Monk, enclosing papers concerning the trial of murderers,—referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

31. The petition of Hum. Shallcross, for discharge from the decimation tax, referred to the Deputy Major-General and Commissioners for co. Herts, to act therein according to justice. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 187–192.]

June 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Capt. Henry Hatsell. Council having appointed to a special service the moneys arising by the Daniel and her goods, take notice that you have twice been sent to, to return to the Treasury Commissioners an account of the same, and to cause the money to be paid in, which has not been done, although some of the money is in town ready to be paid in upon bill of exchange, had such been produced. They resent this great delay, and order you forthwith to send up a perfect account of all the proceeds of that ship and goods, and to cause immediate payment of the money, that there be no further delay, to the prejudice of the service. [*I.* 77, *p.* 192.]

June 20. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Trustees for sale of forfeited lands at Drury House. His Highness and Council, being sensible of the good service of the late Col. Randal Mainwaring, and of the resolve of Parliament to settle lands of 200*l.* yearly value on his children, ordered you 3 April to do this, as they gave directions; but they hear by petition from his children that it is not done. They therefore desire you speedily to settle that value of land on them from any delinquents' lands you have yet unsold, that the intentions of his Highness and Council and of Parliament be not frustrated. [*I.* 77, *p.* 192.]

June 20. Custom House, London. **83.** Edw. Horsman and Geo. Foxcroft to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send a letter from Jno. Putnam, our Deputy at Hilbree, near Chester, complaining of some abuse offered to him by

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the company of the Nightingale, commanded by Capt. Robt. Vessey; we beg that some cause may be taken for prevention of the like, it having of late become a general distemper, and if not prevented, will in time very much prejudice his Highness's revenue. [⅔ *page*.] *Enclosing*,

83. I. *Jno. Putnam to the* [*Customs' Commissioners*]. *While Capt. Robt. Vessey, of the Nightingale, was riding at anchor within my charge, I saw and heard of divers goods being sent on board for transportation to Ireland. I therefore went on board, but was not only not permitted to view them, but received divers affronts from the seamen; and even to the hazard of my life, being but a weakly man, I was thrown into the sea by one of the boat's crew, when coming ashore; they gave no reason for their affronts, but I surmise they feared discovery of merchants' goods. I complained to Capt. Vessey, and he replied that if I wanted to come on board again, I must find my own boat.*

When ready to sail, the captain sent for me, and when I durst not go on board, he sent me a warrant on shore for 4 *trusses of merchants' goods which were entered to go in a merchant ship for Ireland, but taken on the frigate, as also other goods and passengers, to the great prejudice of the Commonwealth, as regards Customs, and of merchant vessels trading in Ireland. I beg an order to Capt. Vessey, and all other captains of State's ships coming to Chester, to permit me to discharge my duty without interruption, and also a commission to act as a waiter and searcher. Chester*, 14 *June* 1656. [1 *page*.]

June 23. / July 3. Angiers. **84.** Ernst de Brincken to Williamson, Saumur. Thanks for your letter, and the payment of the 6 pistoles. I am pleased to hear that you will soon be here. Compliments to you and all your company. [*French*. ¾ *page*.]

June 24. **85.** Petition of Charles, Lord St. John, eldest son of John, Marquis of Winchester, to the Protector. By provision of my ancestors, and an Act of 27 Hen. VIII., I inherit certain lands which neither my father nor ancestors could dispose of from me; but as by a late Act they are to be sold for the State, I put in my claim to the reversion, which the Committee for Obstructions, on opinions of Lord Chief Justice Rolle and Justice Jermyn, disallowed, without hearing me or my counsel. I applied to you, and you ordered that Committee to certify, and meanwhile suspended proceedings; but now an order is made for payment of the second ½ for the lands, which adjudges against my claim. I beg suspension and examination, for many other lawyers think my father could only forfeit his own estate for life in the land. With reference, 20 June 1656, to the Privy Council. [1 *page*.]

June 24. Reference thereon in Council to the Committee for Money, to report. [*I*. 77, *p*. 195.]

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June 24. **86.** Petition of Marg. Lammie to Council, to the same effect as that of 11 Jan. 1656. Came from Scotland divers years since, and is daily threatened with prison for debts contracted for her subsistence. [¾ *page.*]

June 24. Order thereon for payment of 40*s.* from Council's contingencies, and of 20*l.* from the moiety of discoveries of concealed estates to be made by her. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 196, 212; *I.* 114, *p.* 6.]

June? **87.** Petition of Marg. Lammie to Council, for some part of her arrears, that she may not be cast into prison for debt by those that have trusted and relieved her. Is ordered 20*l.* from discoveries, but being a woman, is utterly incapable to make any. Noted as offered 1 July. [¾ *page.*]

June 24. **88.** Petition of William, Earl-Marshal of Scotland, to the Protector, for continuance of liberty on bail, his time expiring 1 July. [⅔ *page.*]

June 24. Order in Council for his liberty 3 months longer; Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to take his bail. [*I.* 77, *p.* 197.]

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1. Order on the petition of the inhabitants of the town and corporation of Bridgewater, co. Somerset, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be advised to settle a fitting augmentation on the minister there, the former restraint notwithstanding. Approved 27 June.

2. Also to settle a fit augmentation on the minister of Glenham, co. Suffolk. Approved 27 June.

3. The petition and papers of the mayor and commonalty of Bristol referred to Sydenham, Lambert, Lord Deputy, Desborow, Rous, and Lisle, to report.

8. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Margaret, widow of Capt. Benj. Sacheverell, commander of the President frigate—that they think 200*l.* a fit sum to be allowed her, 100*l.* to her child, and 50*l.* to the child she expects, and in case one child dies, both sums to be given to the survivor, and if both die, to the mother;—agreed to, and the Admiralty Commissioners to see the money paid. Approved 27 June.

9. The petition of Wm. Constantine, of Dorchester, for exemption from decimation, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners of co. Dorset, to act according to justice. Approved 27 June.

10. The petition of the mayor and commonalty of York, and a certificate thereon by the Attorney and Solicitor-General, concerning Geo. Peacock's election as alderman, referred to Sir Wm. Strickland, Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, Lord Eure, and the High Sheriff of co. York, to see the parties, settle the business if they can, so as the service of the city may not be interrupted, and if not, to certify their opinion.

14. Order—on report from the Scotch Committee concerning Geo. Bilton, treasurer for Scotch fines—that the Council in Scotland

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continue him in the said employment, on sufficient security that he will execute his trust, or appoint another as they think fit. Approved 27 June.

15. The petition of Robt. Culliford, of Encombe, co. Dorset, for exemption from the decimation tax, and the certificates, referred to the Major-General and Commissioners for the county, to do what is just. Approved 27 June.

16. Order on a certificate of divers ministers and others on behalf of Thos. Challoner, schoolmaster of Ruthin, that Maj.-Gen. Jas. Berry allow him to keep a public school at Newport, co. Salop, without being molested by the late proclamation and orders, till further order. Approved 27 June. *Annexing,*

89. *Certificate in his favour by John Roberts and* 12 *others; by Thos. Gilbert and* 2 *others, of his regret for adhering to the Cavaliers' party, and by Major Berry, that his appointment to Newport instead of Ruthin would be an advantage,* 13 *and* 16 *May* 1656. [2 *pages.*]

18. The petition of Anne, Countess of Bristol, and a certificate of the Commissioners for co. Dorset, referred to the Committee of Council on persons discharged from decimation, to report.

24. The report from the Committee of Council on Scotch affairs to be considered next Thursday.

25. The name of Capt. Thos. Hurst to be substituted for that of Fras. Willoughby in the order of 9 Jan. last, for payment of 150*l.* for repairs in Portsmouth.

27. Order that Rich. Sydenham, Nich. Bond, and Rich. Wilcox be a committee to examine the accounts of the trustees, treasurers, &c., on an Act for Sale of the personal estate of the late King, Queen, and Prince, and to receive all complaints of any purchasers of the said goods, and certify their proceedings, and any obstructions they meet with, that order may be given therein; with power to send for books, inventories, and other papers, and examine persons. The said trustees and all others concerned to yield up the books, and further their execution of the service. Approved 13 Sept. *Annexing,*

90. *List of the said trustees, Sir John Thorowgood, Capt. Nich. Franklin, Alex. Roberts, John Hurst, and John Browne, with Ralph Nicolls, treasurer.* [¼ *page.*]

90. I. *Note of King's goods in private hands, chiefly members of Council, &c., or at Somerset House, and at Mr. Legg's, not used. Total value,* 26,504*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* [1 *page.*]

28. Order that—as there are hundreds of inhabitants at Cowes, Isle of Wight, who intend erecting a meeting house for religious worship, they be allowed towards it 50*l.* from the proceeds of dotard and decayed trees in the New Forest, and the Lord-Warden, steward, and woodward are to assign the same to Fras. Willoughby, Thos. Hurst, and Mr. Newberry for sale, the money to be paid to Majors Thos. Boreman and Sam. Bull towards the erection of the said meeting place. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 193–8.]

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June 24. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord-Deputy and Council in Ireland. The enclosed petition of Maj.-Gen. Sir Hardress Waller being referred by his Highness to Council, they have considered it, and find the matter therein properly cognizable in Ireland, and they therefore desire you to examine into it, and report. *I.* 77, *p.* 194.]

June 24. Victualling Office. **91.** Capt. Thos. Alderne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I beg to remind you of my necessities for money, being daily solicited by my victualling creditors. I hope that you will relieve me by a considerable supply this week; also that you will order the Navy Commissioners to make out an imprest bill on their Treasurer upon the 14,000*l.* charged upon the late Commissioners of the Customs for the Jamaica supply, as I have to speedily pay a considerable sum on that account, and have already paid for several provisions bought by myself.

P.S.—Tell me whether to pay Major Burton's bill for victuals, as he presses me to do. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

91. I. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to make out an imprest bill to Alderne, for* 10,000*l. on account of* 14,000*l. appointed by Privy Seal for* 6 *months' provisions for* 4,000 *men at Jamaica.* 25 *June* 1656. [½ *page.*]

June 25. London. **92.** Sir John Lowther to Williamson. I suppose my wife's son has arrived with you. Have an eye over their actions, and prevent their errors. My son Richard cannot stay long, as I intend him for the common law, but he should get the language by reading authors and conversing. You can supply him out of the 100*l.* sent for my son-in-law [step-son] Thos. Leigh, and then my cousin Northeigh will advance you an order. We go north to-day; write me of their progress in study. [1 *page.*]

June 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, Sir Wm. Strickland, Col. Bright, Major Elton, and Capt. Northend. His Highness and Council hearing that a disaffected person has lately been chosen alderman of Hull, you are to enquire about it and certify. [*I.* 77, *p.* 309.]

June 26. **93.** Petition of Rich. Blackwall, Rich. Hill, Benj. Alexander, Robert Oliver, and Edm. Whitwell, well-affected persons, to the Protector, for the release of Major Wildman, prisoner in the Tower. They are concerned to preserve his estate, on account of debts from him and engagements for him; many suits have been commenced against him since his restraint, and his right and title cannot be defended without his personal liberty. [1 *page.*]

June 26. Order in Council for his release, on security in 10,000*l.* to the Lieutenant of the Tower to return in 3 months, and meantime not to act against the State. [*I.* 77, *p.* 201.]

June 26. **94.** Petition of the inhabitants of Grimstone, co. Norfolk, and parts adjoining, to the Protector. There are in or near Grimstone 100 families, ½ of them unable to read, and within 4 miles, 30 other villages without a schoolmaster; whereupon 20 years ago, some well disposed persons erected a school, and endowed it with 5*l.* or 6*l.* a year, but through these distracted times, no addition has been made, as was hoped for, so that the school house is fallen into decay, the master gone, and error and malignancy like to flow in upon them. But that learning may not be altogether discountenanced, these persons have now provided a well-affected schoolmaster, an M.A., and intend to repair the school. Beg an augmentation for the school, which will oblige them to double their devotion, and prayers for his long and prosperous life. 5 signatures. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

94. I. *Certificate by Thos. Toll, and 7 other justices of peace, near, that Grimstone is poor, but populous; that a small house and 2 or 3 acres of land have lately been given for a schoolmaster, and that Edw. Smith, who has been provided, is fit for the place and well-effected. 8 signatures.* [1 *page.*]

June 26. Order in Council to recommend the Trustees for Ministers to settle 30*l.* a year on the Grimstone schoolmaster. Approved 27 June. [*I.* 77, *p.* 204.]

June 26. **95.** Petition of Capts. Jas. Sutton, John Cliffe, and company to Council, for letters of marque against the Spaniards. Have lost 5,000*l.* through them during the wars, and can only complain, and beg this satisfaction. [½ *page.*]

June 26. Order for a warrant to the Admiralty Judges to grant the said letters on the usual security. Approved 27 June. With the warrant, 1 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 205, 212; *I.* 114, *p.* 5.]

June 26. **96.** Petition of Lieut.-Col. John Jackson to Council. I served faithfully in the late wars against the Irish and Scotch, and in England, and suffered much in reputation, very undeservedly, in the late expedition into the West Indies. I beg to have a letter of marque against the Spaniards or other enemies at sea, and can prove that the calumnies I lie under are from malice; or to be employed to the West Indies, with the forces now going. [1 *page.*]

June 26. Order thereon granting him letters of marque against the Spaniards, on the usual security. Approved 27 June. With the warrant, 1 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 206, 212; *I.* 114, *p.* 7.]

June 26. **97.** Petition of John Mallack, merchant, to the Protector and Council. The governor of Nantes having lately defended me from a Dunkirk privateer, so that I and my goods came home safe, I wish in return to send him a horse by the Exeter Merchant, bound for St. Malo, and beg your warrant to the customer of Topsham for it. [¾ *page.*]

June 26. Order thereon granting the license requested. [*I.* 77, *p.* 208; *I.* 114, *p.* 2.]

June 26. **98.** Petition of 13 parishioners of Putney, Surrey, to the Protector. By the Ordinance of March 1654 for repair of highways, an assessment of not more 12*d.* in the pound per year was to be raised for them. We have expended large sums the last 2 years, but our High Street, being long and broad, cannot be made by gravelling, and the money spent will be lost, unless we may pave it; the parishioners will undertake the charge, if they may be repaid from the assessments, after other needful work is paid for. 13 signatures. [1 *page*.]

June 26. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 208–243.]

June 26. **99.** Petition of Peter Sterry, minister, and Rich. Bradshaw, to the Protector. The late Parliament in 1650 granted Sterry 100*l.* a year for life from undervaluations of compositions, which has not been paid the last 4 years, the profits accruing to the State. There is 765*l.* due to Bradshaw on public faith, for money lent for the service. Both beg to be paid out of a debt of 2,000*l.* owing to the late King, or other discoveries to be made by them. With reference to Council, 26 June 1656. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Schedule of Bradshaw's advances on public faith from* 1641 *to* 1650, *sums varying from* 100*l. to* 10*l.*, *total* 765*l.* [1 *sheet.*]

June 26. Order thereon in Council that 425*l.* be paid to Sterry for his arrears from 25 March 1652, and a further sum in lieu of his stipend; and also 765*l.* to Bradshaw out of their discoveries, which are to be prosecuted by the Commissioners for Discoveries. Approved 24 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 209, 286.]

June 26. **100.** Petition of Thos. Dickinson, alderman of York, to the Protector and Council, for payment of his arrears and losses out of his discoveries in the county and city of York. Had all his estate plundered by the late King's party, and his lands seized by the Earl of Newcastle, and given to Gen. King; his houses in the city and county possessed 2 years; his rents and goods, value 2,000*l.*, taken; and he, to secure himself, forced to live at great charge in Hull. Got no reparation from Parliament, though an Ordinance was passed by the Houses to satisfy such persons. Was appointed by Parliament 14 July 1647 governor of Clifford's Tower, York, but is 4 years and 4 months in arrears of pay. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

100. I. *Certificate by Lieut.-Col. Rob. Lilburne, Chr. Percehay, and Ralph Rymer, that they have examined his accounts, and there is due to him for pay* 1,222*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* *York,* 22 *March* 1655–6. [1 *page.*]

100. II. *T. Dickinson to Lord Lambert. I send my petition and account, but if there be anything you think I ought not to desire, I would rather suffer than offer anything not fit to allow. Lord Fairfax says that the sums should not be lessened, for I had no free quarter, or I would have deducted it. I ask for my losses from discoveries only, knowing the necessities of the State. If my petition is granted, I hope Mr. Rymer, the treasurer here, may be allowed to pay me here as he receives the money. York* 22 *March* 1655–6. [¾ *page.*]

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June 26. Order in Council thereon that ⅔ the said sum of 1,222*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* be paid him out of the ½ of his discoveries, which the Commissioners for Discoveries are to examine and allow, and pay him 815*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 211.]

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1, 2. Order on a certificate from the referees who were to peruse the books and papers seized in the hands of Thos. Baker—that they have severed those belonging to the First Fruits' Office from those that are private (which they have restored), and giving a list of the former; certifying also that they find a catalogue in his handwriting of the records in the Office of First Fruits and tenths in his charge as deputy remembrancer, which mentions many books and records besides those seized,—that the clerks of Council deliver the said books to Jas. Rogers, remembrancer, who is to demand the remainder from Baker, and in case of refusal, to prosecute him in the Exchequer for their recovery. *Annexing,*

101, 102. *Certificate alluded to, signed by Hen. Scobell, W. Jessop, Edw. Cressett, and Rich. Sydenham.* [2 *copies.*]

4. Order on report on the petition of Thos. Knyvet [*see* 3 *June* 1656], that the Deputy-Major-General and the County Commissioners for securing peace discharge him or not, as they see cause. Approved 27 June. *Annexing,*

103. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

7. Order on a report from the Committee on the petition of the Walloon congregation of Norwich,—representing that the petitioners set forth,—

That they have lately been hindered from setting to work strangers that have repaired unto them for the free exercise of their religion, so that without remedy the congregation will be ruined, and persecuted Protestants abroad discouraged to repair hither for shelter, and their poor left unprovided for:

That Norwich was the first place that received Protestant strangers, who taught the English various woollen manufactures, which formerly were exported, and they pray that the privileges granted them by Edw. VI., may be confirmed for free exercise of their religion in their own language, and of their trade, and that such liberty may be given to Protestant strangers repairing thither. They produce a grant made 1 Nov., 7 Eliz., that such 30 Dutchmen of the Low Countries in Flanders, alien born, householders or master workmen, as shall be licenced by the mayor, citizens, and commonalty of Norwich, may inhabit that city with their families and servants, not exceeding 10 in a family, take houses in the city for a term not exceeding 7 years, and in case any of the 30 die or depart, the mayor may admit such others as he thinks fit, notwithstanding 1 Rich. III., 32 Hen. VIII., &c.:

That they may exercise their faculties of making baize, arras, sayes, tapestry, mockadoes, stamens, kersies, and other outlandish commodities not usually made in England without penalty. The whole number, men, women, and children, not to exceed 300 at a time.

That no information be admitted to the impeaching hereof, and the grant to continue till repeal.

They also produce certificates from the mayor, aldermen, and and justices of peace for Norwich of 3 and 9 Jac., taking notice of the said grant of Queen Elizabeth, and that the strangers admitted thereby had introduced into England several manufactures of native wool, and had given work to many poor; that they submitted to the good constitutions devised for the city by the magistrates and partly by themselves, for their government, and making their stuffs so as to prevent prejudice.

That officers were yearly sworn in before the mayor, to examine the length, depth, and number of threads in their stuffs, and to seal such as they approved. By the said certificates it appeared that the strangers had lived in the said city 46 years before 9 Jac.

They also produce an order of King James and Council of 29 March 1612, noticing the privilege granted them for free exercise of their trade, in making stuffs of new drapery and other manufactures there, and of their being troubled for bringing up their children and servants therein, without binding them apprentices according to statute.

That they are a peculiar society, under government of the mayor, justices, and aldermen of the city, and exempt from that statute, and should enjoy toleration of their religion, and exercise of their trade.

That no informations for not serving as apprentices be accepted against them, and that those already preferred be discharged:—

Order thereon that the mayor, justices, and aldermen of Norwich be enjoined to allow the petitioners to enjoy all the privileges granted them by former kings and queens without interruption, till they show such reasons to the contrary as shall satisfy Council that the privileges should not be continued. Approved 27 June, and letter from Council to the mayor, &c., of Norwich to like effect, sent 2 July. [*See I.* 77, *pp.* 918–920.]

8. Order for 3 slight alterations in the order and declaration for managing and issuing the decimation tax.

9. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers, viz.:—

	£
Pershore, Worcester - - -	50
East Hatley, Cambridge - - -	20
Kirtling, Cambridge - - -	17
Royston, Herts - - - -	50
Ashby, Leicester - - - -	30

Approved by the Protector 27 June.

10. Order on petition of John Durant, preacher in Canterbury Cathedral, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be

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recommended to settle on him 75*l.* a year out of the profits of Shoulden, in co. Kent, beside his stipend of 100*l.* as lecturer. Approval comprehended in Highness's reference.

11. The petition of Martin Holman, of Bideford,—for the benefit of the Act of 10 May 1650, made directly against profane cursing and swearing, being treble costs, he having been sued for goods, distrained by force of a warrant upon that Act, in which suit the party was non-suited, and yet petitioner has been allowed but 10*l.* costs—referred to Maj.-Gen. Desborow and the Commissioners of the county, to see that the petitioner has justice done him, to the end that public officers be not discouraged in discharge of their duties.

12, 13. On report from the Committee on the reports from the Trade Committee, concerning wool and woollen manufactures—that it is a matter of great moment, but that it is very difficult to find out the grievances and apply fit remedies, and that while they are debating the matter, much wool is daily exported, so no time should be lost in offering to his Highness and Council for prevention thereof:

i. That a proclamation be issued enforcing the laws and ordinances now in being, prohibiting the export of wool, woolfells, and fullers' earth.

ii. That the several clauses of the laws prohibiting the export of wools, &c., be inserted in the said proclamation.

iii. That letters be written to the Councils in Scotland and Ireland to take special care that wools, &c., be not transported thence.

iv. That the Customs' Commissioners and Officers in the several ports of England and at Berwick be enjoined to take sufficient security that all goods carried into Scotland be landed at some port there, and authentic certificates returned to the Customs' Officers of the port from which they were exported, before any bonds be cancelled or delivered up by the said officers, and that in case such certificates be not returned within 6 months, the bonds be returned to the Exchequer, there to be proceeded upon; and that the Customs' Commissioners and Officers do their utmost to prevent the export of wool, &c.

v. That his Highness give strict orders to the Barons of the Exchequer and his counsel learned that there be a speedy prosecution made of such as are brought before them for exporting wool, &c.:—

Order that the said report be agreed with, and his Highness advised to give warrant for issuing such proclamation, and for writing such letters to the Councils of Ireland and Scotland accordingly.

14. The Barons of Exchequer and counsel learned to take care that there be an effectual and speedy prosecution of offenders in transporting wools, woolfells, and fullers' earth. Approved 12 July.

15. Order—on report from Mr. Bowes, Mr. Hodges, and the rest of the Committee on Jamaica arrears, stating the case of Lieut. Ralph

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Hardwick—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 50*l.* in satisfaction of all moneys due to him for service up to date, and all other demands, the Privy Seal to pass gratis; and that the treasurer for payment of officers and soldiers' wives and widows make an entry thereof and receive his acquittance.

19. The reports from the Committee of Council on the affairs of Ireland to be considered next Tuesday.

20. The Admiralty Commissioners to receive and audit the accounts which Major Wade prays may be examined, about his receipts for service in the Forest of Dean, and certify thereon speedily, stating what allowance should be made him for that service, and whether he should be continued therein; and if so, prepare and present a commission and instructions in that behalf.

21. Wm. Rolles, who has been employed about some business of the Forest of Dean, to have liberty to search for such records concerning that forest as he judges necessary for the public service, in all offices where such are kept, and to take copies, without paying any fee.

22. Order on the case of Warwick, Lord Mohun, that as he has satisfied his Highness and Council of his good affection to the present government, the 500*l.* he voluntarily offered to the State be accepted, and he discharged from all proceedings against him by the Major-General and Commissioners of co. Devon. Approved 27 June.

23. The said 500*l.* to be applied towards the 2559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* taken up of Mr. Talbot, late receiver of the monthly assessments in co. Devon, and Gen. Desborow is to take order for the same, according to the purport of an order of 29 April last.

25. Order—on report that the public faith bill named by Capt. Hen. Jackson amounts to 850*l.* and the debentures to 2315*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* —that the total 3165*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* be inserted into the order of Thursday last, as money to be paid him out of the moiety of his discoveries.

29. Order that Hum. Jones, treasurer for the late King's goods, pay 1,202*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* to the persons named in a list signed by Rich. Sydenham, Rice Vaughan, and Thos. Evershed [*see* 15 *May* 1656], giving the whole sum where the amount is less than 40*l.*, and where it is more, $\frac{2}{3}$ of it, which will lessen the sum by 140*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, and that they also pay in the same manner 1096*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to 17 other persons named. Approved 10 July. *Annexing,*

104. *Certificate and list by Sydenham, Vaughan, and Evershed, alluded to, of* 72 *creditors.* [*Book of* 5 *written and* 7 *blank pages.*]

31. Order on petition of Robt. Greenwood, referred by the Protector to Council,—showing that at the beginning of the war in 1642, he engaged against the public enemy as captain of foot, was afterwards appointed captain of dragoons, and then of horse, and continued therein till 1646, when his regiment was disbanded; that since, at the Duke of Hamilton's coming, he engaged against him, and was in the service of Scotland till the care of his family caused him to leave that employment, but he served again when the late King of Scotland

invaded this nation; and that his arrears before he was disbanded, being duly stated and free quarter discounted, come to 1,325*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, for which he has received no satisfaction—that the said sum be paid him from half of such discoveries as he shall make of concealed property, which the Commissioners shall examine. Approved in person.

32. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on the minister of Walsingham Market, co. Norfolk, an augmentation of 60*l.* a year. Approved in person.

33. Order—on information that Col. Chas. Howard has offered to settle on Hunderskelf parish, co. York, the inheritance of 20*l.* a year for the minister—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be recommended to settle on that parish an augmentation of 40*l.* to make up 60*l.* Approved in person.

35. Order excepting the auditors and other officers of the Exchequer from the payment of the poundage, granted 15 May, to the receivers-general of counties, from all persons to whom they pay moneys by warrant.

36. To advise his Highness to order Justice Hales not to go on the next circuit.

37. Maj. Haynes, Deputy Major-General of co. Norfolk to learn the grounds of the ejection of Mr. Hall, Dye, and Neave, ministers in Norfolk, by the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, and report. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 199–211.]

June 26. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Whalley. Wm. Robinson having complained by petition to the Protector of being sued by Morris Sisson for prosecuting him for words spoken against his Highness, Council desire you to examine if the facts are so, and, in that case, to secure Robinson from prejudice for discharging what was but his duty. [*I.* 77, *p.* 909.]

June 26. **105.** Rich. Sydenham, Rice Vaughan, and Thos. Evershed to Lord Lambert and Col. Jones, the Committee of Council for the late King's servants and creditors. On your reference of the petition of Susan Mallough, we find that in the list approved by Parliament, she had goods allotted for 200*l.* debt by the Somerset House Trustees, and a warrant for 50*l.*, which was listed by us on your order of 9 April 1656, but not in the list of the poorest under 40*l.* She was not in our list of 15 May; we did not then know her to be very poor, as we now believe her to be. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 26. **106.** D. Stevens [*Pile*] to [Ross]. Before *Kemp* and I went into the country I sent particulars of my business by *Mr. Cooper*, who said that he delivered them to *you*, and that *you* promised me an account in a fortnight, but meanwhile I was to take care of myself; but no mention is made of the 2 letters we sent at our return.

I much lament the loss of Sacheverell, captain of the President, slain by an Ostender, and so honest that I was assured the *ships*, I told you of were at his disposing; I know not where they are now.

The old *foot soldiers* that *the army* engrossed are now $\frac{1}{5}$ part laid aside as useless, but trading being so flat they cannot be paid for. The *Council of State* is sad; things go not with *the fleet* as *they* desire.

The underhand dealings of *Wildman* with *the King* will come to nothing, for I am certain *Cromwell* knows it. *Halsey* employed me 9 months since on business to *Bristol*, and charged me with secrecy, but the first person I spoke with there told me every tittle of it, and something more, which was true. This continues, and I hear nothing about *the King* but they hear it long before. This is sent to an honest man in *Bristol* by a niece of his in London, at whose mother's *Lord Rochester* lay when last here.

I have long heard of *Dick Pile's* sanguine letters, but now *John Chase* tells me that his man and *Col. Ger. Hollis* are here to prepare for their master's coming in at Michaelmas at the furthest. *The King's* not coming to London keeps me here, but to no purpose; his business cannot be well done without him or an attorney to act at discretion. I hear from Scotland that a regiment designed to be shipped refused, so another regiment was brought to compel them; they fell to blows, and 56 were slain.

P.S.—The fleet was equally divided by the 2 generals, and lots were cast which should go with Gen. Blake to the West Indies, which might have been spared, for all refused to go there.

I know not which of the Streights you mean, but this one is swarthy, freckled, has a crooked finger, and a northern accent. By this you may discover whether or not you delivered the goods to him. [1½ *pages; the italics are cyphers, partly decyphered.*]

June 27. Approval by the Protector of 36 orders, 12–26 June. [*I.* 77, *p.* 212.]

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Paris.

107. T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. *Armorer* showed a friend of mine a letter from *the King* enjoining *Hopton* to correspond solely with him. I told *Hopton* and *Pile* that this was coming upon them, and they must study perfect obedience, but honest *Pile* is troubled, his business being anticipated after his running hazards some years. *Cooper* or *Thornton** was enjoined to render an account to you, and you promised a return. Tell me whether you received the letters mentioned [noted in margin, No]. Douce, I told you, was to mean Thornton, but you seem to have read it Cooper, and haply it is he brought you the note from *Pile;* if it be not, it is a labyrinth built between *Sir Edw. Hyde* and his friends, too intricate for me to enter; only I told *Armorer* that our friends were troubled not to have some account of what they sent from the hands to whom they ordered it to be committed, and also to find that some to whom they were ordered to address themselves knew their business beforehand.

Armorer says that *the Duke of York's* clerk, lately come from you, is to satisfy everybody here, and that he was ordered by *Hyde* to tell his friends to give in their accounts to him. I replied that that person was a stranger to me, and unless I had it under *the King's* hand or yours, I should not notice it. I shall steer my course by your compass, so let me have your rules, for it is so difficult to run an even course that I am weary of it.

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* In one of the 2 cypher keys Douce is put as cypher for Thornton, in the other Cooper—hence the confusion.—ED.

I bade my sister send her account this way till I had your new address, which now I will send her, but you will find that letters sent that way will not come to hand. *The King* should settle an attorney on this side and in this place.

The Protector has laid aside thoughts of a Parliament, and is doubling the tax without them; "his family, you will find on all hands, is held to be sad, and perhaps some reasons for it."

The decimation amounts to much less than was expected, so his inevitable wants drive him to the other extremity of doubling. I send you rough copies of letters from my sister, enclosing one from *John Weston.*

The French news is sad; 4 captains of the guard and many brave men were lost in the last rally at Valenciennes, yet we hope to gain the town. [2¼ *pages; italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

June. **108.** Account of Sir Wm. Davenant's opera. The bills are entitled "The entertainment by music and declarations after the manner of the ancients." Scene, Athens. They began at the Charter House 23 May 1656, at 5*s.* a head; 400 persons expected, but only 150 came. The personages were Diogenes, who spoke against, and Aristophanes for, the opera; then citizens of London and Paris discussing the defects of each other's cities, in buildings, manners, diet, &c. The Londoner has the better of it; and ends with describing a scene in which 2 crocheteurs of Paris sink down under their heavy burdens, before they will cease a contest in which each wishes to give the other the way. The music was in a covered place and concerted, ending with new songs relating to the victor (the Protector), the last, deriding Paris, ended,—

"And though a ship her scutcheon be,
Yet Paris hath no ship at sea."

Hen. Lawes and Dr. Coleman composed the songs, Capt. Cook, Ned. Coleman and his wife, and others sang them. It lasted 1½ hours, and is to continue 10 days.

There has lately been a cockney feast of the better sort of citizens born within the walls at Merchant Tailors' Hall; 3,000 dined in one room, and 300 in another, at 5*s.* a head. By the care of city cooks and caterers, such a feast was never seen in the city. Endorsed by Sec. Nicholas "June 1656, Sir Wm. Davenant's opera."* [1 *sheet.*]

June. **109.** Note by Jas. Perry of moneys received in Huntingdonshire for decimation, 11 Dec. 1655, and 24 June 1656, from the Earl of Northampton, Sir John Hewett, Bart., and Molineux Audley; totals 31*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* and 14*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* [½ *page.*]

June. **110.** Report by Lambert and Jones, on a reference from the Protector, as to the arrears due to Jas. Goffe and 3 others, and to

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* This opera, entitled "An Entertainment at Rutland House," was published in 1657, or rather Nov. 22, 1656, and a copy, with the date thus corrected, is in King's Pamphlets, E $\frac{1648}{2}$ British Museum.—Ed.

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Capt. Mat. Draper and his officers and soldiers, for services in Sussex, on accounts stated at Worcester House, totals 241*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, and 536*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*:—That there was in the hands of the late John Albery of Arundel, Sussex, treasurer for sequestrations, 353*l.*, which is claimed by the above-named, that is by the first 4 as discoverers, and by the rest because the money was gathered for service on which they were employed. That by order of Maj.-Gen. Goffe and the County Commissioners, the money is paid by Albery's executors to Thos. Collins of Chichester, treasurer for moneys raised by them. Col. Lilburne and Maj.-Gen. Butler being consulted on the subject, think that as the money had long remained concealed in Albery's hands, the discoverers should have their share, and the remainder should be paid to Capt. Draper and the officers. They therefore advise one half, being the highest proportion allowed, viz.—

To the discoverers - - - -	£176	10	0
To Draper and the officers towards arrears -	111	8	7
To be paid into the Exchequer - -	65	1	5
	353	0	0

[2 *pages.*]

June. **111.** Shorthand notes relating to the above. [1¼ *pages.*]

LETTERS and PAPERS relating to the NAVY.

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for victualling 6 ships named, designed for foreign service - - - - -	Vol. 116. 1
” ”	” - -	”	Order for entering as many shipwrights, labourers, and workmen as may be wanting in the yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, for carrying on the additional work, over and above the 980 borne on the establishment.	2
” ”	” - -	”	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Markham, surgeon-general of the fleet, for services on the Swiftsure, at 10*l.* a month, from 27 July 1654.	3
” ”	” - -	”	Order to respite the fitting out of the James, and order the fitting out of the Andrew for the intended expedition.	4
” ”	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Find, on an affidavit taken before a Master in Chancery, and the certificates of the various officers, that there is 148*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* due to Capt. Tarleton, commander of the Islip, on his accounts.	5
” ”	Ordnance Officers -	”	Have received Capt. Thos. Bowray's papers, and will charge the respective gunners with the provisions delivered them.	6
” ”	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	”	Has ordered Mr. Kendall, clerk of the survey at Deptford, to charge the provisions delivered by Thos. Bowrey out of the Warwick on the boatswains of the Dragon, Lamport, and Centurion, so that they may give an account thereof on balancing their expenses in the voyage.	7
” ”	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	”	Receipt for 1,150 duplicate tickets from Rob. Blackborne, through Jno. Powell, for several of the State's ships.	8
” ”	Robt. Weymouth -	”	Petition for the gunner's place in the Providence at Deptford, having served the last 4 years in the Success. With certificate of the Ordnance officers that he has passed his accounts.	9, 10
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Unicorn should be substituted for the Vanguard in the list sent up last week, being a better ship, and carrying more guns. Has stopped the old dock business relating to the smith's forge; wants 80 more labourers and 20 ropemakers. Repair of ships.	11
” ”	” ”	Adm. Com.	Repair of ships; returns the bond for Mr. Hawthorne, which has been signed by two able men of Rochester.	12

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 2	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As Mr. Pett intimates that the Vanguard, one of the 40 ships intended for sea, is not sheathed, and is so leaky that she will require docking, think the Unicorn will be more fit, as she carries her ordnance much better. With order for her fitting out accordingly.	Vol. 116. 13, 14
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Mr. Maplesdon's accounts agree with Mr. Turner's in London, and although there are some receipts wanting, yet as no one complains of non-payment, and he has made some very good bargains [of timber] and been very honest in his duties, there need be no delay in passing his accounts.	15
„ „	Edm. Poortmans, *Deptford.*	„	Sends up Robt. Holland, of the Elias, for beating the steward, by which he is unable to perform his duties; although officers be bad, yet if such sort of justice is administered, there will be no means of living on board.	16
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Hearing from Mr. Callis that the Success is to be fitted out for sea, desires order for entering more men to carry on the work.	17
„ „	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, the *Norwich, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Came in yesterday with the Pembroke, and waits orders; hopes he will not be unmindful of him if anything presents.	18
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill for Capt. Thos. Bowray, for the time he served in the Warwick. With warrant of Capt. Rich. Badiley, 25 Aug. 1654, appointing Capt. Bowray master.	19, 20
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for Saml. Needles, surgeon to Gen. Blake's fleet, at 6*l.* a month from 11 Aug. 1654 to 10 Oct. 1655.	21
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for Gen. Wm. Penn, for his pay and entertainment as general of the fleet to 25 Oct. last.	22
„ 3	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will forward an inclosure to Secretary Thurloe - - - - -	23
„ „	Theop. Bradstreet -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of purser in the Great President, having served as purser and steward in the Phœnix 3 years, and 6 in the Speaker, and been in all the engagements against the Dutch. With certificates of Capt. Saml. Howitt and Thos. Clendon, minister of Allhallows, Barking, London, and 2 others.	24–28
„ „	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the account of the boatswain of the Unicorn; compelled him to sign it, as it was not signed by the clerk of the check; believes such officers are a cheat, as most of the clerks of the check implicitly take their reports from the boatswains, and sign for the expense as a matter of course. Is working on the index of the Chest Accounts.	29
„ „	Giles Heather -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a lieutenant or purser's place, having served 3 years as clerk in the Princess Maria. With certificate of Capt. Jno. Loyd in his favour.	30, 31
„ „	John Major - -	„	Note of coopers' stores - - - - - - - - - -	32
„ „	Laurence Wise, preacher at *Chatham,* and Phin. Pett.	„	Certificate in favour of Mich. Myles, late steward of the Happy Entrance, who has served 3 years and was in 4 engagements.	33

Letters and Papers relating to the Navy, &c.—*cont.*

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 3	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Asks the various prices of masts, as there are many in a vessel in the harbour which may be had, and are much wanted. The storekeeper wants 500 yards of red cotton. With a note of prices of masts enclosed.	Vol. 116. 34, 35
" "	" "	"	Particulars of ships in hand, and officers and men required for them. Mustered 127 men on the Marston Moor, and will turn over 40 from the Gainsborough and Advice, and more will be obtained by pressing and from other ships. Spoke to the captain about the complaints against the master, but he excused him by taking the blame upon himself; as the service requires such expedition, it would damage it to be too particular. Sends a demand for extra stores, and asks how far to comply with it, and what necessary money is to be allowed for sick and wounded. Ordered several of Gen. Blake's squadron to be careened, but as they are much eaten, they will require sheathing. Several of the inhabitants and traders of Guernsey and Jersey, hearing of the difference with Spain, desire a convoy for their vessels, as they have property of great value on board, the loss of which would be their undoing. With examination of Thos. Burges, boatswain of the yard, respecting junk, hawsers, and spikes, formerly belonging to the Sovereign and Resolution, seized by him in a passage boat at Portsmouth. Also deposition of John Moore, of Gillingham, blacksmith, that the iron work seized was bought at a sale ordered by the Navy Commissioners, although he also bought some from the officers of the Resolution, Triumph, and James. On further examination, 1st Jan. 1655–56, admits that the iron work seized is the same he bought of the latter persons.	36–38
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for a bill to Capt. John Stoakes, of the Unicorn, for 18*l.* 16*s.* for his charges in wearing a jack flag as Rear Admiral in the Straits, by commission from Gen. Blake, on the departure of Rear-Adm. Jordan.	39
" "	John How - -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be removed into a better ship, having served the State some years, and 4 years as gunner in the Hector. With certificate of Capt. Rich. Pettock.	40–2
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Will use the men allotted him in expediting the work, but wants 40 more, or will have to take some from the Amity and Guinea, which will retard their launching. Wishes to dock the Diamond, as the Mermaid will be launched next tide, and the dock should not lie open.	43
" "	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Jno. Barnett, carpenter at Woolwich, as carpenter in the Mermaid, fitting there -	44
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	45
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	Received their warrant to the clerk of the check for entering seamen, and an order from the Admiralty Commissioners for more workmen and labourers to carry on the works until January, and will endeavour to prevent unnecessary charge. As the ropemaker will soon have to discharge his men for want of hemp, and as cordage is now 45*s.* a cwt., asks a speedy supply; also an order for stores.	46

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1655.				Vol. 116.
Nov. 5	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs	The Cornelian sailed the 1st inst., and the Drake will be ready the first tide - - -	47
„ „	Rich. Wye, surgeon	Adm. Com.	Certificate that Robt. Erridge, yeoman in the Unicorn, when at the pay-house in Chatham, was beaten and wounded by some of the company, for which they are now in confinement; Erridge having since recovered, suggests that 20*s.* should be deducted from the pay of each of the offenders, and paid to him as compensation for the injuries received and loss of time.	48
„ 6	Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Has been convoying ships to and from the Maas in Holland, but on account of the insufficiency of his pilot, was obliged to give 10 guilders to another to convoy his ships in.	49
„ „	William Wood, and the owners of the *William of London.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners for payment of the freight of goods from Gravesend to Barbadoes, and for 5*l.* a day demurrage for the time the ship was detained in going from Barbadoes to Jamaica to discharge her lading, contrary to agreement. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	50
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for a bill to Dr. Thomas Wilson, for his pay at 10*s.* a day as physician to Gen. Penn's fleet.	51
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to confer with Capt. Alderne as to the disposal of the remains of provisions on board the ships at Chatham, of which they enclose an account.	52, 53
„ „	„ - -	„	As little progress is made in sheathing the Speaker, and fitting out other ships at Woolwich and Deptford, desire that some of their number will visit the yards every other day, and quicken the officers in their duties.	54
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Having contracted with the shipwrights for building 4 advice boats, desire order to go on with them; also some imprest bills for money on account. Various stores are required, which may be had on reasonable terms for ready money, or upon the personal security of the purveyors; but otherwise only upon such extraordinary terms as would be both dishonorable and unprofitable to the State. Ask order therein, as one of the State's purveyors complains of having been lately arrested on the Exchange for a debt of the State.	55
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Will observe their orders as to entering more shipwrights, seamen, &c.; desires that the seamen may be borne on day wages, and money may be imprested to the clerk of the check to pay them off once a week, and that Mr. Thomson may have a press warrant. Sends an account of provisions put on board the Indian for Captain Alderne. Particulars of ships.	56
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	57
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends a return of clerks of the check and stewards on board the ships in harbour. The Tiger has sailed, but her steward is at London, much in debt for his last victualling, and may seek further employment, for which he is not capable.	58
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Edw. Larkin, late gunner of the Mayflower, deducting 30*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, the ordnance officers having certified that he has embezzled stores to that value.	59
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay off the wages due to Jno. Butt, late carpenter of the Plymouth, any former suspension notwithstanding.	60

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1655. Nov. 8	Adm. Com. - -	Major Neh. Bourne, Navy Comr	Order to go on board the Indian on her arrival in the Hope, and see how much she can take of the 70 tons of provisions prepared by the committee for the Western expedition.	Vol. 116. 61
" "	" - -	Navy Comrs	Order to confer with Capt. Alderne as to the disposal of the provisions on board the Bachelor, and the Jonathan and Abigal in the Thames; also in the Hannibal at Portsmouth.	62
" "	Jno. Dymock -	"	Sends account by John Davies of cables, sails, and other stores put on board the Hannibal at Deptford, 25 Aug. 1655, for transportation to the Straits, and receipt by Thos. Newberry for 200 barrels of powder returned by Capt. Wm. Haddock, her commander, 3 Nov.; certifies that Capt. Haddock delivered up all the remainder of his stores at Portsmouth, except a 14 inch cable; with estimate of the tonnage of the ship by Wm. Badiley, of Tower Wharf, 5 Jan. 1655–6.	63–6
" "	Mark Harrison, *Gift, Jamaica.*	[Adm. Com.]	Arrived at Barbadoes with the rest of the division under Major Robt. Sedgwick, 26 Aug.; remained 12 days to water and refit, and then sailed to St. Christopher's for men and news of Gen. Penn's fleet; but neither expectations being answered, proceeded for St. Domingo, Cape Tibron, and Jamaica, where they met Adm. Goodson looking out for them.	67
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Indian has sailed, and the Bear is being sheathed and will soon be dispatched. Recommends Robt. Rose, appointed steward of the Victory on recommendation of Capt. Lane, for the purser's place, he having been in all the engagements. The boatswain of the Indian is a drunkard and disobedient, and might have split the captain's head with an axe, but for the interference of the master.	68
" 9	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Comrs	Is testing the iron for anchors, &c., according to orders sent to Major John Wade, and does not doubt its goodness; is also continuing the making of treenails, &c., notwithstanding the heavy rains.	69
" "	Robt. Page - -	"	Desires they will pay to Chas. Aston his imprest bill on account for two ketches building by him.	70
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Could not wait on him owing to the fitting out of the ships, but hopes on Capt. Taylor's arrival to procure 3 or 4 days' liberty. Has 4 ships graved, and is in hand with the Bear, and nearly 100 men entered, but if the Commissioners expect such a sudden dispatch of all the ships, they must add 60 more shipwrights and 40 caulkers; the Triumph would take 220 men for a month, there being uow 200 shipwrights at work on her. Hopes if he has found any of the great carpenters false in their trust, he will remove them. Recommends several. Wants the draft of the 2nd rate ship by the bearer.	71
" "	Robt. Thomson, Navy Comr.	"	Desires he will suspend the settlement of Mr. Fox's bond as purser of the Nantwich until the arrival of his wife; it was tendered at Plymouth, but his sureties were absent.	72
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Has received the prices of the masts. Asks if they can supply any hemp, otherwise will have to purchase more cordage; has bought 10 tons at 42*s.* per ton, and is not likely to obtain any more at that price. Desires a press warrant for 50 more caulkers, and sends the name of two to whom the press officer is to apply for assistance in getting them.	73

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1655. Nov. 10	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Concerning the officers of the Dragon, hears that the clerk of the check is an able man, but officers generally forbear reporting lest they should be accounted informers, so that their testimony is often of little value. Has desired the captains to inform their men that if they stay they shall be immediately entered, as also to persuade them to come down in 2 or 3 weeks, but little will be done unless they are paid. The Portsmouth and Tiger requiring to be victualled cannot act as convoys, but the Gainsborough and Advice may. The Dartmouth has sailed for the Downs, but has had 4 men drowned by the upsetting of her boat. The same day an explosion occurred on the Kent, through the yeoman of the powder room dropping a spark from a candle; he was much injured, 3 or 4 planks started, and a bulk head or two blown down; has examined the business, and sends the depositions of Rich. Fullaway, the yeoman, Wm. Wilson, and Thos. Briant. Recommends Mr. March for the place of lieutenant in the Newberry or Jersey, and Robt. Neate as purser for the Cardiff. The Marston Moor will sail on Monday. The ketch has gone from Cowes for New England with the Hopewell pink. Wants a warrant to press shipwrights, caulkers, &c. All the ships that came home from the Straits with Gen. Blake ought to be sheathed, as also those going southward.	Vol. 116. 74–76
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Expected instructions for Capt. Myng's sailing; is sorry to hear the tidings of Col. Harvey; is glad at the peace with France, and hopes this nation will chiefly look after peace with God.	77
,, ,,	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	,,	Met the ordnance officers at Deptford, and set out a piece of ground which may be made fit to receive 4 or 500 guns and cartridges at a small cost; put the ships there in a way for a quick dispatch, and, perceiving neglect, told all the officers to look after their respective charges, and when they saw a flag on any ship, to repair thither and lend assistance. Desires a survey of the Crow and 4 others, as they will be more expense than profit. If there is much ice this winter it will prove very hazardous to the ships there.	78
,, 11	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has apprehended Theop. Scott and put him in the common gaol, and desires further order. The packet from Calais reports that Capt. Carey has gone out in a man-of-war of 10 guns.	79
	—	—	Account of extra stores put on board the Cardiff, Marston Moor, Indian, and Success at Deptford and Portsmouth, for the fleet at Jamaica.	80
,, 12	Thos. Haiter, *Portsmouth.*	Edw. Hopkins, Navy Com,	Has paid the Langport and 3 other ships, and will despatch the rest. Chas. Oliver is the man who counterfeited his own ticket, omitting 5*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* which has been charged on it for clothes; if he is not yet freed he can be charged with it.	81
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have used their utmost endeavours to get men and provisions for the dispatch of the ships, but cannot obtain provisions without money; and as the treasurer cannot advance any upon imprest to the purveyors without order, the work will be at a stand.	82
,, ,,	,, - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs a press warrant for 50 caulkers, directed to Benj. Boate, the master caulker at Deptford; they will grant him prest and conduct bills.	83

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1655. Nov. 12	Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Comrs	Delivered all such old copper chimneys, furnaces, funnels, &c., as the master shipwright thought fit, to Thos. Brickhead, brazier, and Thomas Powell, and have taken a receipt for 2 tons 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.	Vol. 116. 84
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett and Robt. Smith -	—	Examination before them of David Rogers, boatswain of the Unicorn, that he sold some old paper, tackling, and nippers, which were lying about, to Robt. Attaway, for 9*s.*, to save Croscombe, the master, throwing them overboard, and gave the money to the two mates and the yeoman, as an encouragement to lie on board. but that he never embezzled a hawser, new ropes, or anything else at Queenborow, Plymouth, or elsewhere; also examination of Attaway acknowledging that he bought the paper stuff for 10*s.* and resold it at Mr. Taylor's paper mills, near Alsford, for 3*s.* per cwt., and that there was 5 or 6 cwt.	85, 86
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Asks whether to purchase 3 or 4 lasts of tar, offered at 12*l.* a last - - - -	87
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Capt. Myngs is going on board and to sail to morrow. Has paid off several ships. Capt. Seaman, of the Dragon, as also the lieutenants and masters of other ships, desire to be re-entered. The non-arrival of the purser of the Cardiff delays her.	88
,, 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Major Neh. Bourne for 500*l.* due on a bill of exchange of John Leverett; also another for 190*l.* due on a bill drawn by Wm. Crispin, Robt. Wadeson, and Thos. Broughton, Commissioners for supplying Jamaica, and place the same to the account of the drawers of the bill.	89
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for sheathing the frigates that came home with Gen. Blake - - - - -	90
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the Navy victuallers to allow to the pursers of the ships bound to the West Indies 5*l.* for every 100 men for 6 months, to buy provisions for the sick and wounded, which are to be issued by order of the captains of such ships.	91
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to examine 3 accounts of Capt. Fras. Cranwill enclosed, for tallowing and fitting the Hare pink in Ireland, and make fitting allowance.	92–95
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Earwing, Jno. Seywell, Jno. Hooper.	,,	Certify that Thos. Crapping, who fell from the mainmast, was killed, whereupon Russell Webb claimed his wages and clothes, on a verbal agreement between them that whoever should be killed first should become entitled to them, but believe such an agreement had reference to engagements with the Spanish fleet.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letter to Capt. Myngs, who sailed this morning, and has arrived at St. Helen's. He has been delayed for want of men, and by the miscarriage of their orders.	97
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Sends accounts and receipts for refitting ships, amounting to 422*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* and 21*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*; also of supplies to the gunners. Has charged a bill on the treasurer, and desires payment of it and of those formerly sent, as the non-payment prejudices his credit. Is refitting the Fagon; the Bryar is to convoy some vessels from Topsham to Newhaven.	98

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1655. Nov. 13	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	As there has not been such stowage room left in the Indian as was ordered, notice should be sent to the Lion and other ships fitting out, so as to prevent such mistakes for the future; they are proceeding with the fitting out and victualling of the ships, and have entered more labourers, but want seamen to rig. Sends examinations taken by himself and Capt. Smith in Rogers' business. With order for the stowage room in the Indian as requested.	Vol. 116. 99, 100
,, ,,	Thos. White, Mayor, *Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has apprehended Theop. Scott and put him in gaol, and desires further order - - -	101
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Thos. White, mayor of Dover, has apprehended Theop. Scott, boatswain of the Golden Cock, for embezzlement of a cable. Have examined Edw. Staddon, ropemaker at Blackwall, who says that he bought the same of Scott for 30*l.*, and Jeremy Monk, Scott's servant, helped to get the cable by night into a boat. With the 2 examinations, and copy of White's letter of 11 Nov.	102–105
,, ,,	Jas. Abelson - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends some warrants and desires order therein, as on account of hastening the Mermaid to sea, neither himself nor the officers can attend them.	106
,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	,,	The Admiralty Commissioners desire they will make some allowance to the bearers for apprehending [Rich.] Hall, and as an encouragement to further service.	107
,, ,,	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Had arranged for more stowage room in the Indian before receiving their letter. Finding an excess in the boatswain's stores, gave the captain a warrant to return a new cable and several coils of rope; more care is required in apportioning stores, there being much waste in that particular, and especially when cordage is so high. There are 150 men on board; expects her full complement by the time she arrives in the Downs; but the boatswain is a drowsy, idle fellow. Called at Woolwich on the way home to quicken the despatch of the ships in the docks there, and desires an order for their sheathing.	108
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Send up Rich. Hall, waterman, with his examination, for receiving a new coil of rope out of the Indian in the Hope, which he offered to sell at Woolwich; he says he gave 20*s.* for it, and will be hanged rather than confess of whom he purchased it; desire he may be made an example of, or there will be no hopes of redress. If men will venture to sell away such necessary provisions when engaged upon so long a voyage, what can be expected from them when they have other and better opportunities? In all similar discoveries, none of the commanders or other officers are so far guilty as to give any information, whereas if they were diligent and faithful, they might sometimes attain it.	109, 110
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	,,	Having contracted with Rich. Fore and Robt. Richbell, merchants of London, for 200 tons of foreign iron ordnance at 13*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* a ton, to be transported Customs' free, desire order to the Commissioners of Customs accordingly, that they may proceed with the shipping of them.	111
,, ,,	Chris. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Although he has entered the full number of all sorts of workmen allotted, being 272, they are insufficient for carrying on the work ashore and afloat; wants 40 or 50 more. Particulars of ships.	112

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1655. Nov. 14	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Jno. Durant, of Canterbury, intimating that he has signed a bond with Mr. Wilkes, jurat of Sandwich, as security for Martin Simond, as purser of the Bear; his father was a godly man and good preacher. Recommends Mr. Lightfoot, late steward of the Naseby, for employment. Captains Wilkes and Dare have arrived to join their ships.	Vol. 116. 113, 114
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	115
" 15	" "	"	Sends list of ships appointed for the southward, and asks how many are to be sheathed at Portsmouth, that provision may be made, but the want of money will be the chief obstruction; it seems strange to all he treats with that they have to wait 8 or 9 months for it, and that many of their bills are yet unpaid. The Marston Moor has sailed and the Gainsborough and Advice are in the Roads, but they want men, and press warrants to obtain them.	116
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	Is sorry the new rope-house is likely to remain useless; although he bought a parcel of cordage at 42*s.* per cwt., is not likely to buy any more under 45*s.* Is well supplied with masts, save a few of particular sizes which can be had at a cheap rate; desires order to purchase them. A surgeon should be sent down for the Cardiff. Has received order from the Admiralty Commissioners for sheathing the ships from the Straits, as also some others, and will want 6 or 8,000 deals and 10 or 12 tons of hair. Noted that he is to buy the masts, and that a surgeon will be sent down speedily.	117
" "	Capt. Wm. Badiley, and 12 others.	—	Certificate that Thos. Byam has been a master's mate and master of ships for 20 years, is a very able mariner, and fit to take charge as such of any of the State's ships.	118
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Hopes to launch the Triumph in a fortnight, and will then grave the Rainbow and 7 other ships named. Will make as much stowage room as possible in the holds of the 4 ships appointed for the West Indies.	119
" "	Capt. Ja. Tarry, *Indian.*	"	Sends particulars of stores loaded in the John and Elizabeth hoy for transmission to the Tower, by order of Major Bourne.	120
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to consider the accounts and papers of Capt. Nutton for the Satisfaction at Inverlochy, and certify what provisions were supplied when she was refitted, the time she has been at sea, whether he was necessitated to have them, and how far he exceeds the prices usually allowed.	121
" "	" - -	"	Order to consider the letter and accounts of Capt. Tarleton, for disbursements for the Islip, amounting to 148*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, and report how much he has received on imprest, what is due, and how it will be charged to his account.	122, 123
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting and victualling the Weymouth pink at Harwich, for 4 months - - -	124
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to the owners of the Peregrine for 2,276*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* for her freight and hull, having been lost in the service.	125
" 16	" - -	"	Order for repairing the Winsby at Harwich, and victualling her for a month - - -	126

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1655. Nov. 16	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Wapping.*	Thos. Smith Navy Com^r	Desires he will consider the case of Thos. Weston, late steward of the Cat pink, whose pay amounted to 25*l.*, but 8*l.* 16*s.* has been stopped as due on his accounts for short provisions, whereas nothing was due thereon, and Weston had a certificate from himself and the other officers to that effect.	Vol. 116. 127
" "	Jas. Hind	Adm. Com.	Petition for command of the Cat pink, in which he has served as gunner, and was instrumental in saving her and her crew from shipwreck; with certificate of Capt. Richd. Cowes of his ability for the appointment.	128, 129
" "	Navy Comrs.	"	Suggestions of fit persons for appointment of boatswains	130
" "	"	"	Send survey of the remains of stores on board the ships lately returned from the Straits	131
" "	Ordnance Officers	"	Have surveyed a plot of ground at Deptford for laying ordnance and carriages, and find the cost of building a shed and crane, and mending the wharf, will amount to 200*l.*	132
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Sends account of work to be done on the Triumph and other ships named. The Lion is ready to victual and wants dispatch of the gunner's account at the Tower. Is much in want of seamen to rig and get the ships into the Hope. Asks if pursers of 4th rate frigates are to be allowed servants.	133
" 17	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends his accounts for the Basing, and begs that his bills charged on the treasurer may be paid	134
" "	Adm. Com.	"	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Hill for 5*l.* 12*s* 10*d.* disbursed by him and Capt. Smith for the service.	135
" "	"	"	Order to consider what servants have been usually allowed to pursers and other officers in the State's ships.	136
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	"	Went to the prison with two jurats and examined Theop. Scott as to what cordage he purloined from the State, to whom he sold it, and whether he knew Edm. Staddon; he denied the whole, and desired leave to come up to clear himself. Sends his account for the treasurer.	137
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Received their orders. Particulars of ships. Demand for stores	138
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To similar effect	139
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Acquiesces in the Commissioners' censure about lieutenants and masters, but if they had able, honest men, they might further the business, and be instrumental in procuring men, who are much wanted by Capt. Middleton, as also by the Gainsborough and Advice. Wants to hear "the names and settlement of our new masters," as also anything of public concernment; thanks for the prints.	140

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1655. Nov. 17	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	An examination of the accounts of Capt. Edw. Tarleton, late commander of the Islip, find he had 330*l.* 4*s.* imprested to him by bills, whereof 177*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* has been made good, and he also sent in a bill of expenses for 148*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, which if allowed cleared his imprests to 3*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*, but he remains charged with the whole of the imprests in the treasurer's books, until his accounts are examined and a bill passed in the Navy Office to the treasurer. As the ship and his accounts were lost, know no other way than to charge what is thought reasonable to the account of the ship in general, and if he falls short of his expectations, he has only himself to blame for not sending up former accounts.	Vol. 116. 141, 142
,, 18	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Conferred with Mr. Aldridge about the timber in Dean Forest, and estimated the charges, and is confident he will perform what he has undertaken if there are no obstructions. There is little timber at Chatham fit for the great ship, or to be obtained out of Kent under 2*s.* to 2*s.* 6*d.* a foot, which will make a dear ship; hopes they will treat with Aldridge and supply him with men and money, as no man is more fit; he and the master shipwright will give him full instructions for converting the timber. If he is ordered to convert 1,000 loads, and to husband it, and then give an account of the charge, including his own salary, they will see what encouragement there will be to go on.	143
,, 19	Hugh Hale, and 4 others.	Col. Clarke.	Having volunteered from the Unicorn into the Success, desire an order for their wages. With certificate of Capt. Zach. Browne.	144, 145
,, ,,	John Powell - -	—	Note that the 3 securities for Sibley prove on enquiry to be sufficient - - -	146
,, ,,	Jno. Hooke - -	Navy Comrs	Will deliver 100 tons of cross bar shot, either at the Tower or Portsmouth, at 28*l.* a ton, within 2 years, on condition of receiving 100 tons of pig iron from Dean Forest at 6*l.* a ton, with such unserviceable guns and shot as the State may have, and wood out of Aliceholt Forest, Hampshire, to make up the 2,800*l.*	147
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Find that pursers in the 2nd and 3rd rate ships have heretofore been allowed one servant each, but in the 4th, 5th, and 6th rate, the State was so far from bearing purser's servants that they did not allow pursers themselves. Boatswains of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rate had a servant in ordinary, and gunners the like, but neither of them had any in the 5th and 6th rates, and on 6th rates the boatswain was borne and no gunner. When at sea, the purser, gunner, and boatswain had 2 servants each, and one only each in 4th, 5th, and 6th rates, unless by the connivance of the captains.	148
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends a letter from Capt. John Taylor, the master shipwright, touching money due to two timber merchants in Suffolk, and if they are not paid, it may prejudice the service. Also a demand from Mr. Sewell for 50 bales of Noyal canvas. Hopes to launch the Triumph the next spring (tide) and desires an order for board wages for the few seamen assisting. Has sent for victuals for the Lion.	149–151
,, 20	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order that no purser be borne in harbour upon any 4th, 5th, or 6th rate ships, nor any servant allowed to pursers while in harbour.	152

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Nov. 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting and victualling the Nonsuch - - - - - - -	153
,, ,,	Augustin Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	,,	Hopes his accounts came to hand; of the 400*l.* received by order on his entrance 5 Dec. 1654, and 50*l.* imprest since, his accounts to 30 Sept. last amounted to 381*l.* 14*s.*, since which he received 50*l.* more, out of which he paid for the ground the State's timber lies upon, 4*l.* 10*s.* for damage done by his men trespassing, and for felling and squaring timber. Has 25,000 trenails ready, which at 40*s.* per 1,000 makes the 50*l.*, besides the rent of the ground and the trespass. Cannot raise a penny, has spoiled 3 horses, and his employment affords little profit or pleasure; dssires a supply.	154
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	,,	Must point out the great danger their ships are in while riding at Woolwich; they cannot continue lying there 3 abreast safely, they might be moored nearer at less cost. It is difficult to obtain men to work at night, docking and undocking; wants 2 or 3 practical men sent down to consider what is best to be done for the security of the ships, as Woolwich is a bad road. Would come up for his bill of imprest and some money, but cannot be spared.	155
,, ,,	Rich. Braunston, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his kindness in the deplorable condition in which himself, daughter, and friends are placed by the negligence of her husband Dan. Russell; if the Admiralty Commissioners will release him from imprisonment, will engage for his honesty for the future. The master of the Recovery would take him as a mate, and he is more fit for that than boatswain, as the occasion of doing ill would be taken away. The charge against him is made by a thief who was his boy, and probably the sole cause of the mischief. There is 20*l.* due to him for wages and victuals, and if he loses that, and is at 20*l.* charge while in prison, he will pay dearly for his neglect, and cause others to take warning by his example.	156
,, ,,	Major Neh. Bourne, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Woolwich and Deptford to despatch the ships fitting out there, and sends particulars. Complains of the great expense of mooring 5 named; it would be better to sell them at a small sum than be at a constant charge for such ugly beasts. Particulars of ships.	157
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Have endeavoured to observe their order about the remainder of the clothes provided by Vice-Adm. Goodson, and returned in the ships from the west, and have sent several times to Gen. Penn to join therein, but he desired time to confer with the Commissioners. Must wait his pleasure, as Mr. Noel is not disposed to take them.	158
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Will stow the 80 or 100 tons of provisons besides the ships' stores; has ordered the 1,200 bags of bread intended for the Indian to be distributed between 4 other ships. Is fitting the ships, but wants seamen.	159
,, ,,	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the Crescent is broken up, recommends her captain, Thos. Thorowgood, brother of the master attendant at Portsmouth, for employment; also Thos. White for a purser's place.	160
,, 21	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Hare, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Robt. Rentkins, discharged through not being acquainted with this channel, as a master's mate.	161
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to perfect and pass Capt. Tarleton's accounts according to justice and equity - -	162

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order that as a quantity of materials, tools, and provisions has been prepared by a committee in London for the officers and soldiers in Jamaica, they consult [Martin] Noel and Capt. Alderne as to the stowage thereof in the ships designed for Jamaica, and certify how they are distributed.	Vol. 116. 163
" "	" - -	"	Order to send an account what stores and provisions have been put on board the Indian, over and above her usual proportion.	164
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will give order respecting the Cardiff, which has been detained by weather, and hasten the fitting of the frigates in harbour. Knowing the present straits for money, will be as frugal as possible. If they will direct their treasurer to issue 3,000*l.*, with that, the payment of bills under 5*l.*, and the agreements he will make with men to stay in course, he may do pretty well; will not issue more than he is constrained to, and only for goods that he cannot procure without. Was employed upon a service in riding about the country, and is anxious to return an account, the time drawing near when the State will be a loser; asks an appointment for him to attend them thereon.	165
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Received his of the 20th, which speaks of the slow actings of the Whitehall Commissioners in nomination and determination, but makes good the old saying as to great bodies. Is sorry to hear of the miscarriage of men in public trusts, and would have honest men stand clear, but those that are so only in show are discovered. Recommends Mr. March as lieutenant in the Newberry and Robt. Neate for purser.	166
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Thanks for their ready compliance as to things demanded. Particulars of stores wanted. Agrees with the master shipwright as to the necessity for erecting a wharf 250 feet long and 7 high, against which they might lay the masts, now a mile off, expensive to fetch, and not to be had in bad weather.	167
" "	Rich. White, boatswain of the *Gillyflower.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for the boatswain's place in the Bridgewater lately built at Deptford; has served 7 years; been in all the engagements against the Dutch, and never before sought preferment; with certificate by Gen. Wm. Penn of his having served under him in the Assurance and Swiftsure.	168, 169
" 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	They are to speak again to Gen. Penn, to appoint a person to join them in surveying the clothes returned from Jamaica, and if he refuses, to order them to be viewed and laid up in store for the use of Vice-Adm. Goodson, he being accountable for them; also to grant bills of imprest to the builders of the advice boats, for such amount as they think fit.	170
" "	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	—	Account of extraordinary provisions put on board the Indian. The Marston Moor has received an additional 5 bushels of oatmeal.	171
" "	—	—	Note that Capt. Packe of the Amity took 25 iron and 3 brass guns from Carthagena in May 1655, and delivered two of them to the George and the other to the Andrew. He also delivered 6 to the Centurion, and the remainder at Woolwich on his arrival in August last.	172
" "	Phineas Pett - -	—	Note of 203 men entered at Chatham on 6 ships named preparing for sea - - -	173

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 22	Capt. Geo. Kendall	Navy Comrs	Certificate that Rich. White, boatswain of the Gillyflower, passed a good account of his stores, and had a testimony on which his wages were paid.	Vol. 116. 174
„ 23	—	—	Note that the names of the sureties for the appearance of Robt. More, of Gillingham, are Edw. Munn, ironmonger, St. Mary-at-Hill, and Thos. Little, ironmonger, St. Dunstan's in the East, London.	175
„ 24	And. Riccards, Capt. Thos. Alderne, and 3 others, *Old Jewry.*	Adm. Com.	Send account of provisions, tools, &c., provided and ready for shipment to Jamaica, amounting to 5,611*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, including 242*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* for 1,000 Bibles at 2*s.* 4*d.* and 1,000 at 2*s.* 6*d.* each; desire they will report it to Council, so that the Protector may issue a warrant for payment of the amount to Martin Noel, who undertook to discharge the whole.	176
„ „	Tim. Curtis, Jno. Payler.	„	Certify that Jno. Clifton, late clerk of the check of the George, has passed his accounts, and has saved 5,620 men's victuals for a day.	177
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Will tell the master shipwright their order, and provide for the stowage of the 1,200 bags of bread and the other 200 tons of provisions; has sent to the victuallers for hogsheads and puncheons. Encloses a note of seamen entered; asks an order for board wages for them, as they will do little service without.	178
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Portsmouth and Cardiff are ready to sail. Is hastening the careening of the ships; the tallowing will cost between 60*l.* and 100*l.* a ship; asks whether he is to victual them as fast as they are finished, and for how long.	179
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Gave their order relating to pursers to the clerk of the check, but if pursers are not borne, they will not attend or take any care about petty warrant victuals, for when stewards are absent at London seeking pursers' places, the sailors get discouraged and leave the ships. Wants 8 or 10 tons of hair, and as it will be some time coming by water, desires 2 or 3 tons may be sent by land. Encloses a notice for sale of some ships in the harbour, to be posted at the Exchange.	180
„ 26	Adm. Com.	„	Order for sheathing and victualling the Winsby at Harwich	181
„ „	„	„	Order for the rigging and cleaning of the Amity and Guinea, and victualling them for 8 months	182
„ „	„	„	Order to rig, tallow, and victual the Worcester and Speaker at Woolwich, and to hasten the fitting out of the remainder of the 40 ships designed for the winter guard at Chatham and in the River, and make provision in each for the stowage of 8 months' victuals.	183
„ „	„	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to retain 9*l.* out of the wages of 9 mariners of the Unicorn as compensation to Robt Eridge, yeoman of the ship, for wounds received by their means; also to pay them $\frac{2}{3}$ of their wages for subsistence, and the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ to Capt. Browne, of the Success, to be handed them when his ship upon which they have entered is 100 leagues at sea.	184
„ „	„	Major Neh. Bourne and Vice-Adm. Lawson.	Order to attend the Admiralty Commissioners to-morrow at 3 p.m.	185

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 26	Hen. Boone, Law. Loe, *Barber Surgeons' Hall.*	Navy Comrs	Have received the remainder of the medicine chests in possession of Mathew Lyne, surgeon to Gen. Blake; if 3*l.* or 4*l.* is expended in their repair, they may be made serviceable and be worth 20*l.*	Vol. 116. 186
" "	Peter Cooper - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a commander's place, having served several years as master's mate and become lame through breaking his leg. With certificate of Capt. Rich. Badiley and 8 others, and of Faithful Teate, minister, and 5 others of East Greenwich.	187–189
" "	Jo. Davies - -	—	Receipt for a Flemish boat from Capt. Giles Shelly, of the Colchester, in exchange for a long boat -	190
" "	Rowland Humphrey, *Merlin, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Sends list of men entered and discharged. Has been cruising on the coast of Portugal, where he heard of the General and his fleet. The ship wants victualling and is unfit for service; the captain is in the way of preferment; supposes their station will be off the North Foreland.	191
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Want a commander appointed to the Nonsuch ketch at Deptford, to expedite her dispatch -	192
" "	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr.	Has received the 600 yards of unlisted cotton for waste cloths; wants an order to list them by his men with new or old canvas.	193
" "	Thos. Scott, Manley Callis.	Navy Comrs	Will survey all the blocks, but the pulley maker would be more competent to deal with his own work.	194
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends further particulars of stores shipped in the Indian for the West Indies, and desires order as to those to be shipped in the Lion and other ships named.	195
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sends a calculation of the prices of timber and other materials required for the ships in harbour, and for those to be sent thither to be fitted for the winter guard, total 4,032*l.* 16*s.*; desires order. The Portsmouth and Cardiff will soon sail.	196, 197
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	Has been 20 miles to procure a supply of hair, but without success; wants some sent down this week, or will be at a stand. Asks whether to buy some French canvas offered. Noted that he is to buy the canvas, although some has been offered at 18*l.*	198
" 27	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to confer with Capt. Alderne as to victualling the 40 ships appointed for the expedition -	199
" "	" - -	"	Order to examine the accounts of Wm. Hempson, deputy treasurer to Gen. Blake's fleet, lately returned from the Straits.	200
" "	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	"	Their ships lie in great danger by reason of the ice; asks whether to ground them or keep them afloat.	201
" "	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	"	Supplied the Basing with provisions value 24*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, and clothes value 12*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*, and paid off a few seamen's tickets. Has sent up the bills by Thos. Jones, from whom he received the money, and desires repayment to him of the total, being 132*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*	202
" "	" "	Major Robt. Thomson, Navy Comr.	Begs payment to Thos. Jones of the money disbursed as above; not being acquainted with such things, hopes he has done nothing contrary to his good liking. Departure of ships.	203

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Nov. 27	Capt. Thos. Ley, *Mermaid*, *Long Reach.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Left Deptford without a master and with very few men; could not have kept the pilot without murdering him, as one of his legs is rotting off.	Vol. 116. 204
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Sends the number of seamen entered on the Resolution and 6 other ships, that he may perceive their small appearance. Total 242.	205
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a survey by Jno. Davies and Manley Callis of long boats and pinnaces in the mast dock and yard at Deptford; also an account of those building, with the names of the builders and of the ships wanting them.	206, 207
„ 28	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney*, *Dean Forest.*	„	As Mr. Baylie, of Bristol, intends to send a vessel to load the next tide, desires order to fell and prepare the timber.	208
„ „	Jas. Clarke, *Boston*	„	Has purchased 10 tons of hemp at 33*l.* a ton, and will ship it in a good ship of 4 guns, leaving them to appoint a convoy if needed; asks where it is to be sent; will draw a bill upon them for $\frac{1}{2}$ the money according to agreement. Will be glad if they can agree with Edw. Roddin for the pitch, as it will advance in price.	209
„ „	Edw. Hayward, Robt. Sewell.	„	Send account of extra stores put on board the Indian at Chatham for 10 ships named in America and the West Indies; also draft thereof; similar list by Jno. Davies; copy by Turner of an Admiralty warrant to the victuallers, for shipping provisions mentioned in the Indian and Marston Moor for the ships in the West Indies; account by Jas. Tarry and Abraham Pearse of provisions put on board the Indian, as also what has to be and what cannot be taken in; note of extra provisions put on board her; also list by Thos. Rabenett and Thos. Arkenstall of extraordinary stores that ought to be shipped in her, and note by Rich. Tyler, that 1,174 yards of Noyal canvas will make 5 sails for her.	210–217
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	As the State's house in which he and his family reside is a corner one, and is so cold that they cannot get warm, either by the fire or in bed, begs 8 or 10 yards of red cotton to hang before the doors and windows, until better shutting ones can be made.	218
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Drake galley has come in with an Ostender of one gun and 20 men, having a commission from the Governor of Ostend. The Portsmouth has gone to her former station, but the captain wants the instructions as to bearing officers.	219
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	Cannot proceed with the works unless he receives a supply of hair. A ship of deals has arrived; the storekeeper wants 10 or 12 dozen leather buckets. With note in reply that no more goats' hair is to be had in a reasonable time, and they fear to use the hair of oxen.	220
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order that, as much inconvenience has accrued, either by neglect in furnishing the ships refitted in the river and at Chatham with boatswains' and carpenters' stores, or by the officers wilfully leaving them behind, the officers of the respective yards see that the boatswains' and carpenters' stores of all ships refitted be put on board before they sail out of the river, so that there may be no colour of demand for supplies at the ports.	221

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655.				Vol. 116.
Nov. 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to consider what extra boatswains' and carpenters' stores ought to be put on board the Lion and 4 others, and give directions therein.	222
" "	Edw. Hopkins, Navy Com^{r}.	Adm. Com.	Is sorry he cannot proceed in the service, having had a troublesome night and been struggling for breath and life; hopes to be yet spared to be useful in some other way.	223
" "	Capt. Zach. Browne.	—	Certificate that Jos. Pope and Thos. Allen entered on board the Success this day - - -	224
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As the worst of most things are sent to us from Deptford, and many complaints thereof, has sent up the mastmaker for needful masts, and 10 or 20 loads of fir timber.	225
" 30	" "	"	As there are several New England masts arrived at Deptford, if any of them are intended for Chatham, they ought to be sent at once, as several large ones, and some knees formerly demanded, are wanted.	226
" "	Isaac Holmes -	Col. Clarke.	Sends account of the entries and discharges of the crew of the Hopewell pink, from 1 Nov. 1653 to 11 Jan. 1654–5; if it is compared with Capt. Lambert Cornelius', there will be a great difference, which he will explain if ordered to attend. Also an account of tickets for the seamen. Is as deserving of employment as those who have friends, but Major Harding has not sufficiently interceded for him.	227–229
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to consider how the several particulars of the accounts of Wm. Bodham, deputy treasurer to the fleet lately sent to the West Indies, may be brought under a due charge, so that the State may not be prejudiced.	230
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 2,000*l.* a week for 3 months, from 22 Nov. 1655, to enable him to carry on the work.	231
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay Hugh Hograve his wages for services in the Plymouth, any order for suspending them notwithstanding.	232
" "	Robt. Grassingham and Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	233
" "	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Receipt for 21*l.* from Nich. Cox, ship chandler, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners -	234
" "	[Thos. White, *Dover.*]	—	Account of money disbursed since 10th July 1655 in repairing 59 ships named at Dover. Total 253*l.* 3*s.*	235
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken care to reduce the store rooms in the Lion, Mathias, Convertine, and Bear; could more readily answer their expectations if he knew the number of men and the quantity and quality of the 8 months' provisions, but Capt. Alderne estimates the 1,200 bags of bread and other extraordinaries at 200 tons. Will also take care that neither the boatswains nor carpenters are clogged with unnecessary stores. Wishes the captain of the Mathias were here to take care of his charge. Lieutenant Hall is a fit man for the service.	236

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 1	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Desire they will submit to counsel the lease of Mr. Yarly of some land at Chatham Hill, adjoining the State's House, as they are much importuned by Yarly respecting his interests.	Vol. 117.
„ „	John Rayment -	„	Petition for immediate payment of 224*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, due 29 June, being bound to pay 100*l.* on 3 December. Would be arrested if he failed, and has not 100*l.*	1
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Perceives he will receive but a slender supply of hair, in proportion to other places; yet his place is as important as any, having as much to do. The officers of the yard say they seldom have a supply of provisions or men till the last, and then the worst, as instanced in the caulkers sent down, the generality being carpenters, and many scarce knowing how to handle an iron and mallet. Wants the orders for victualling the ships. Asks the price given for the iron-bound casks for Gen. Penn's fleet. The surgeon of the Cardiff has arrived.	2
„ „	„ „	„	Will give all possible dispatch to the ships in port, but wants proper supplies and money to meet his obligations. Is constantly solicited by merchants from Lynn, Poole, Southampton, Cowes, and places eastward, for a convoy for their vessels to St. Malo, Marseilles, Guernsey, Jersey, Newhaven, France, and the Downs, but cannot comply unless a frigate accidentally puts in. Wants a vessel appointed for that purpose, which would also be useful in surprising small pickeroons.	3
„ „	——	—	Note of expenses for a year for an office not named, including Admiralty fees and the victualling of prisoners. Total, 2,898*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*	4
„ 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Zach. Browne for 10*l.*, to be spent on fishery stores purchased for the Success, of which he is commander, and the Marston Moor.	5
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for Capt. Alderne to put on board the Marston Moor and 7 other ships named, bound for the West Indies, a tun of vinegar for the crew.	6
„ „	Capt. Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	„	Wants money for his men, being a week behind. Particulars of ships - - - -	7
„ „	Gen. Robt. Blake -	Wm. Hempson.	Warrant to pay Charles Longland, merchant at Leghorn, 2,062¼ dollars, for so much paid by him to Ralph Lee and Hatton, merchants at Naples, for victuals for the Success.	8
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Edw. Hopkins.	Contracted with the owners of the Bachelor and other ships for transport of provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet, which ships are returned and the goods still on board. They solicit an imprest of money to pay wages. The demand being reasonable, have directed the captain of the Bachelor to apply to them.	9
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered the packets to Capt. Middleton, who will sail and deliver the instructions for Capt. Sansum, when he comes in. The Drake, on her way to the Downs, convoyed two vessels for Newhaven, and the Advice 4 or 6, for the Downs.	10
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	Sends the names of 3 mariners transferred from the Tredagh to the Cardiff, and desires their tickets may be cancelled.	11, 12

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 3	Wm. Young - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the cook's place in the Primrose under Capt. Sherwin. Served in her and in the Raven, where he was taken by the Dutch and suffered great loss, for which he has never received anything; also in the Cat pink under Capt. Cowes. With certificate of Capt. Jno. Sherwin and 4 other officers of the Primrose.	Vol. 117. 13, 14
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Repair and sailing of ships. The works therein would be much hastened if he had more men -	15
" 4	" "	Navy Com^rs	Wants their resolutions concerning the extra stores to be put on board ships named. Repair of ships. Wants seamen.	16
" "	Adm. Com. -	"	Order that the number of men and guns specified be borne on 39 ships named, and the ships refitted, respect being had to the alterations in the list sent.	17
" "	" - -	"	Order for a survey of the Wren pink - - - - - - - -	18
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Wren pink at Deptford - - - - - - -	19
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay the company of the Colchester, refitting for present service, when she returns to the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	20
" "	Thos. Smith, *Navy office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs employment for Capt. Rand, a brave seaman, who suffered much by the French. Hopes to hear of Capt. Thos. Thorowgood's preferment, and of J. White being made a purser.	21
" "	——	—	Account of the remains of carpenters' and boatswains' stores on board the Cardiff and Marston Moor.	22
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for removal of the Speaker, Worcester, and other ships in the Thames, to the Hope, to avoid damage through the extremity of the weather.	23
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - -	24
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. Desires to know in time what extraordinary stores they intend for the Straits' fleet, to prevent mistakes.	25
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The account for victualling the Satisfaction at Inverlochy ought to be all allowed, as the captain received 14 days' provisions for 100 men, but had 140 men on board, and the beer was double the price there.	26
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs employment for the bearer, as his condition will not bear long attendance and absence from home.	27
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Repair, arrival, and departure of ships. Is using all expedition in fitting them out, but compelled to use labourers for want of seamen. Recommends Robt. Neale as purser in the Tiger, the one for the Cardiff having arrived.	28

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 5	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hears they have received 16 cwt. of hair, and having to sheathe 6 more ships, besides those in harbour, wishes some of it to be got ready, in case he sends for it. Will send up the prices at which the Pelican prize, Advantage, and an old hoy were sold.	Vol. 117. 29
" 6	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Issued their directions to the masters of attendance and other officers of the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, went down and saw the Speaker's sails sent from Deptford, and then went to Woolwich, and gave orders about securing the ships and carrying down the Speaker. The weather promised fair, most of the ice being shattered, but towards evening the wind shifted from W.S.W. to N.E., and the air suddenly altered, which, if continued, threatens to shut up the river.	30
" 7	" "	"	Timely consideration ought to be had what extraordinary stores will be requisite for the 40 ships preparing for sea, that they may be prepared.	31
" "	" "	"	Recommendations of masters and boatswains for ships - - - - - -	32
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to examine the accounts of Capt. Giles Shelley of the Colchester, as to the expenditure of 6 weeks' provisions and beer. With letter of Capt. Shelley and 6 officers, as to the loss of the beer by leakage for want of iron-bound casks.	33, 34
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Nutton, of the Satisfaction, for a fortnight's beer, provided by him in Scotland for the ship.	35
" "	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	"	Sent in accounts amounting to 381*l.* 14*s* 0*d.*; received by imprest 450*l.*, but the 50*l.* was expended in making 25,000 trenails. Desires a further supply for himself and workmen, who, although very poor, are not idle; one pair of eyes can see more at the fall of the leaf than when the trees are in a flourishing condition.	36
" "	Robt. Dunn and Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	"	The boatswain of the Winsby had 5 cables, being the number he was charged with, but he wants to exchange one damaged.	37
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Dartmouth and Pembroke have arrived from Holland, and having damaged cables and anchors, and the latter a broken capstan, which injured several men, has supplied them. The Mermaid sent her boat on shore, but it was lost in a storm; it has cost 10*l.* to send off another.	38
" "	Jno. Bucke, steward of the *Colchester.*	"	Desires order to come in for beer, Capt. Alderne declining to deliver any without order. Has lost much through the casks not being iron bound. Mr. Green, at Deptford, declines to deliver out petty warrants, so long as they have victuals on board.	39
" "	John Hodges, *Poplar.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a commander's place in one of the ships for the intended expedition, having been master of several in New England and elsewhere. With certificate of John Waterlow and 6 others.	40
" "	Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Canterbury.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Wishes to meet him at Chatham; sends word to Clarke's wife that the frost will spoil the fruit if sent. Is importuned to move the Commissioners on behalf of Capt. Tatnell, who was very freely engaged at the beginning of the war, and who has suffered for his miscarriage.	41

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 7	Joan, Widow of Roger Leadbeter.	Adm. Com.	Petition for the arrears due to her husband for services in the Guinea; he was slain in the Paragon, and his ticket lost. With reference to the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer, to certify whether the ticket has not been paid.	Vol. 117. 42
" "	John Powell - -	---	Is satisfied with the sufficiency of the sureties for Mr. Clifton and Mr. Boswood - - -	43
" 8	Adm. Com. - -	NavyCom^{rs}	Order to agree with the owners of the Hannibal for the freight in carrying victuals to the Straits, and to make out a bill of imprest for the wages.	44
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	The work on the Winsby has been delayed for want of men; went to Ipswich, but only pressed 10 in 2 days, 3 of whom never appeared, although they received their press money; their contempt caused a backwardness in the rest; hopes she will be ready on Monday. Has sheathing boards for her, but will want 3,000 feet for the 4th rate ship, which he cannot procure unless he saws it out of masts.	45
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Fairfax has arrived. Has sent to the treasurer to know what to do with her men. Particulars of ships.	46
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Particulars of ships. As the 9 ships in port will take 1,500 men, and these parts produce very few, begs a supply. Has 60 officers and common men borne upon all the ships, which is a small number to carry on such work as careening, &c., there being no dock.	47
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Did not want a supply of anything that would stop work at home, but a mutual care, so that both works might go on together. Sends account of extra stores shipped in the Marston and Cardiff, and the price of the 3 vessels sold, with the names of the purchasers.	48
" 10	" "	"	Will see to the exchange of the Gainsborough for the Dragon, as ordered. Doubts whether he can procure a supply of hair in the country. Has not received orders for sheathing more ships than are in port, although directed to provide for 4 or 6 3rd and 4th rates. Does not wish to make out bills to surgeons; the captains may desire to nominate their own, by which the Hall may be eased of that trouble, and the men save the money which they must expend when bills are sent to the Hall. Wishes to be informed when bills are made out for the ships at Portsmouth. Wants 40 dozen links; the nights being so dark and the days so short, is constrained to redeem all fair seasons to carry on the work.	49
" "	Abra. Goll Fosse and 2 others, *Woolwich.*	"	Certify that they fetched two hawsers from the President and one from the Princess Maria, and deposited them in the hulk, and were paid for their trouble by the boatswain's boy from the quarter deck. With note by Robt. Midford that he was informed by Abra. Goulston, boatswain of the hulk, that the hawser he received from the Princess Maria was one he formerly lent the boatswain, and Thos. Bishop and Jno. Potter testify to the above. Also examination of Thos. Bishop, servant to Edw. Rogers, boatswain of the Convert, before the Navy Commissioners, 23 November 1655, that the boatswain of the Princess Maria, being on shore, sent a boat and man to his ship, and received a hawser out of the quarter deck, and yesterday himself called an apple boat aboard, and asked the master to buy $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. of iron that was gathered up in making the ship clean, and the man gave him 2*s*. 6*d*. for it.	50–52

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 10	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Has apprehended Theop. Scott, and has him in the common gaol. As there are many tears and requests for his enlargement by an aged mother and loving wife, and as Fred. Devinke, a draper, and Mich. Dehare, a merchant, will be bound in 400*l.* each for his appearance, asks whether to liberate him.	Vol. 117. 53
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth*, *Harwich.*	,,	Has given tickets to some of his men for 4 or 6 months' pay, and will sail to day and endeavour to surprise the vessels infesting these parts.	54
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for refitting the Fairfax at Chatham, and girdling her, if needed - - - -	55
,, ,,	Rear-Adm. Rich. Badiley, *Wapping*	Robt. Blackborne.	Attended at Whitehall and the Custom House to see him on behalf of his brother-in-law, Capt. Jno. Benett, who was formerly commander of one of the State's ships for 3 years, but had to leave through illness; begs further employment for him.	56
,, ,,	Dan. Bickerton -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the cook's place in the Half Moon, having acted as such for 10 months; has served 6 years in 4 ships named. With certificate of Capt. Barth. Kitcher and 5 others of his service in the Half Moon.	57, 58
,, ,,	Wm. Billers - -	—	List of 19 ships supplied with guns by warrant of the Admiralty Commissioners - -	59
,, ,,	,, - ..	—	List of 24 ships supplied with gunners' stores, and of 9 ships at Portsmouth to which similar stores were sent.	60
,, ,,	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	The Providence is old, and more fit for a convoy than to be sent to foreign parts with provisions.	61
,, ,,	Joan Carter, *Deal* -	,,	Hears that on examination of her deceased husband's papers, they granted her a bill for his wages, on signing a document delivered to her by their secretary, Mr. Turner. Finding she cannot do so unless they cancel the last clause, as she knows nothing of any accounts, and has produced the will and administration, desires they will sign the bill, and deliver it to her attorney, Rich. Beckford.	62
,, 11	Navy Comrs. -	Mr. Burrowes.	Not to send any clothes on board any of the State's ships without special directions from them, there having been several abuses in serving bad materials at exorbitant prices. [*Two copies.*]	63, 64
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	There has been a slight explosion in the Diamond in the dry dock, by the falling of a candle on some loose gunpowder, but it has done little damage. Wants the standards formerly ordered.	65
,, ,,	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	,,	Wants a bill of imprest. The Speaker has been delayed for want of men; had to employ all he could obtain in saving the hulk from sinking, she being damaged by the ice. Asks whether to accompany Mr. Punet when he pilots down the Speaker.	66
,, ,,	Gen. Wm. Penn -	Adm. Com.	Recommends for employment Capt. Rich. Hodges, who served under him as gunner of the Fairfax, in the voyage to the Straits in 1651. He was also in the wars against the Dutch, as master of the James, and commander of the Rosebush in the American expedition.	67
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Thos. Turner.	Wants Mr. Cooling to send a copy of the contract made with Major Chamberlain and Mr. Gale about Noyal canvas, that he may measure it; Capt. Pett will not make out the bills without it.	68

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 12	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have conferred with Capt. Alderne upon their reference of the petition of the owners of the William for the freight of their ship to Jamaica, and as Capt. Alderne contracted with all the other ships sent there and to Barbadoes at 40*s.* a ton, conceive they should receive the same.	Vol. 117. 69
" "	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a letter from his nephew, Chris. Gise, of Elmore, stating that his sister Cambell has encouraged the bearer, Jno. White, to expect some employment in the fleet. Begs a purser's place for him; will engage for his fidelity.	70, 71
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Sends a letter from Christ. Close, of Pulborough, asking payment of his bills for timber; begs payment, or he will take what is wanted to another market, and they will have to pay 8*s.* a load more. Nich. Mathews, master of the Tiger, asks leave to come to London.	72, 73
" 13	" "	Adm. Com.	Remarks on the transfer of boatswains. For obtaining men, suggests that some of the small frigates appointed for the western station put into Falmouth, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, &c., and press. Repair of ships. Will prepare for the victuals, the victuallers' agent having received a statement thereof from Capt. Alderne.	74
" "	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	Sends account of the defects of the Wren pink, which is beyond repairing - - -	75
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The beer for the Rainbow has arrived, but no master. The masters for the whole of the fleet at Chatham should be sent. Repairs of ships.	76
" "	Richd. Young -	"	Petition for the purser's place of the Assistance, of which he has been steward 2 years. With certificate of Capt. Thos. Sparling.	77, 78
" "	Henry Tilden -	—	Account of defects on board the Assistance, of which he is carpenter - - - -	79
" 14	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send an account of muskets, pistols, blunderbusses, and swords, and desire an order to have them repaired for the fleet.	80
" "	Edw. Moyser - -	"	Petition for the boatswain's place in the Maria. Served in all the wars, and in the Half Moon, under Capt. Willoughby Hannam the last 2½ years. With certificates of Capts. Hannam, Wm. Badiley, and Christ. Pett.	81, 82
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Comr. Pett having certified that the ships preparing for sea at Chatham are in great want of masters; beg they will give speedy directions for sending them down.	83
" "	Robt. Thomson, Navy Comr.	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Recommends Thos. Sharpe for a purser's place, and encloses his captain's certificate - -	84
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Having nearly expended all the money received on the bill of imprest, wants another.	85
" 15	Zach. Browne, *Success, Hope.*	Navy Comrs	Desires they will send down the surgeon and his chest; he has received his imprest money, but not yet appeared. Is ready to sail.	86
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Is proceeding in the sheathing of the Winsby; if more ships are to be done, will want boards. Cannot hear of any elm for sale.	87

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1655. Dec. 15	Rowland Humphrey, *Merlin.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is in a sad condition, there being very few that have a dry cabin or hammock, although the ship was graved at Portsmouth when he came out, and being visited by the small pox, has been forced to send some men on shore at Deal; others daily fall sick, and not above 55 are able. Has received 10 days' more provisions, and orders from Capt. Young, Commander in-Chief, to go to his station off the North Foreland, but being very unfit, desires they will consider the case. As the captain has married a wife at Deal, supposes his condition is better than theirs.	Vol. 117. 88
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Fairfax ought to be girdled, as well as sheathed, and will take a month to complete. Sends a sample of the bad sheathing nails, also some of Mr. Loader's, made at Chatham. Is in great want of seamen, having to supply each ship, as finished, with sufficient to carry her to the Hope.	89
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	The master shipwright and other officers conceive the Fairfax should be girdled, as well as sheathed, having been damaged by lying on the ground at Portsmouth; Capt. Taylor fears the works will take a month. As her men will not be easily invited to do duty on any other ship, suggests that they be turned over to the Vice-Admiral's ship, and he directed to see it done; or else that they be at once discharged, as, when their money is spent, their return may be expected. Wants the master of the Rainbow, and all other officers, sent down forthwith, with strict charge to attend to their duties until their ships are in the Hope, as the service is much prejudiced by their absence. Is glad that a press has been sent out, as he much wants seamen; also that Capt. Bourne's men have been sent for. The Naseby will be launched on Tuesday in the dock; she did not look much like an admiral, but if she proves to be so, she will deserve 100 men.	90
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Edw. Moizer, boatswain of the Half Moon, for removal into the Princess Maria or Elias. Was at sea with him in the Bonadventure and at the relieving of Lynn; he had the colours shot out of his hand, which was dangerously wounded; notwithstanding, he got them up with the other, and managed them whilst the dispute was on.	91
" "	Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has come in for orders to revictual, having been plying on his station between Yarmouth Roads and Flamborough Head. Had some sad storms, with much snow and cold. Many ships were either sunk, put on shore, or lost their masts and sails. The Mermaid is in Falmouth Haven.	92
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Has appointed the Portsmouth to convoy some vessels to Jersey and St. Malo, her station being thereabouts.	93
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a demand of things required in the stores and for fitting out ships, but shall have enough hair. The Tiger is tallowed and will be ready to sail next week, and the Hampshire has come in, expecting to be paid. Renews his request for some torches, which are much needed these short days and bad weather; thinks it strange to be neglected in a thing that might be procured in an hour.	94

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1655. Dec. 16	Isaac White	Adm. Com.	Petition for a lieutenant's place, having served several years both by sea and land. With certificate of Capt. Nath. Cobham for his services as reformado in the Sun, from 26 Mar. 1651 to 8 Apr. 1652; of Capt. Jno. Taylor, for his services as clerk of the check in the Lizard; of Tim. Curtis and Jno. Payler, that he has passed his accounts for the Lizard; and of Rich. Mills, that when clerk of the check of the Lily, he gave much satisfaction in taking men for the fleet.	Vol. 117. 95–98
" 17	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	They are to give order for launching of the Bridgewater, bringing in of the Assistance, and keeping of the others in the dock until their works are completed.	99
" "	Christ. Coles	"	They ordered a bill of imprest to be made out in Mr. Shish's name, for payment of part of the 1,500*l.* due for timber delivered. Has used his utmost endeavours to preserve his credit, but cannot subsist or show his face for want of money; begs another like bill of imprest for 600*l.* for goods delivered 6 months since at Chatham, but if it is not in Mr. Shish's name, the treasurer will not pay a penny upon it. Will else be disabled making provision for next year, and now is the time for buying standing bargains.	100
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	A ship having arrived with 140 loads of fir timber fit for sheathing ships, and 1,500 deals belonging to Messrs. Roch and Wood of Wapping, desires order to purchase it. Is sheathing the Winsby; if her bread room is to be plated, the plates should be sent; if there is no other ship to be sheathed, will discharge some of the hands.	101
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	Having nearly completed the sheathing of the Diamond and Plymouth, desires order as to launching them next Thursday, or keeping them in dock until all the work is completed; also as to docking the Assistance.	102
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Beg directions on the preceding letter	103
" "	Wm. Markham	"	Petition to be continued surgeon-general to the fleet; has held the place 2 years, and has lately returned with the fleet from the West Indies. With certificate of Gen. William Penn.	104, 105
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Mr. Hubbard is not unwilling to serve, though troubled that so many inferior should be advanced before him, but he is connected with a vessel having several owners, who are unwilling he should leave them, yet he will probably accept the Speaker. Will husband all moneys and expenses, but the bad weather hinders the works. Wants copies of the new instructions, as Capt. Saunders of the Tiger and several others are ignorant of them. Particulars of ships.	106
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Hopes their instructions to Capt. Wilkinson will keep all quiet, and there will be no need of any further assistance. The bailiffs, aldermen, and common council send thanks for their readiness to help. Has procured a pilot for the Weymouth.	107
" 18	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	"	Recommends Capt. Hen. Fenn, commander of the Gilliflower in the western expedition, for employment; he served under him in the Speaker on the Scotch coast as a cockswain, and was appointed to the command of a merchantman in the Dutch war, where he greatly distinguished himself; also recommends the boatswains of the Speaker and Worcester for preferment. Is going to Tilbury Hope, and will call at Woolwich and Deptford, and send an account.	108

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1655. Dec. 18	Major N. Bourne, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Finding that the works to be done on the Plymouth, Bridgewater, and Diamond under water are completed, and that there is not sufficient to justify the loss of another spring tide, and men offering themselves to be entered on board, who if refused, may turn their thoughts another way, desire they will consider as to their being launched this spring tide, which will be at its height to-morrow; the only objection is the uncertainty of the frost.	Vol. 117. 109
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	On the above letter, request the immediate launching of the said vessels	110
„ „	„	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Hampshire, lately come into Portsmouth	111
„ „	Col. W. Sydenham, *Whitehall.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Hen. Maber, steward of the Sparrow pink, as a purser in the same ship	112
„ 19	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their commands touching Mr. Kendall, who is very confident of not being guilty of any omissions in his duties; but the contrary will appear. Has no bitterness against him, although he endeavoured to effect his ruin; will make good what he has said. Begs to be excused attending them thereon until the end of the month, being in the heat of the preparation of the fleet.	113
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *Redriff Wall.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Wm. Healey for command of one of the ketches building at Wivenhoe, he being well acquainted with the channel and the coast.	114
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships	115
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends a certificate from the master shipwright and other officers of the yard as to the defects in the Kent; she is too much worm eaten to be safe for the present expedition, so another should be appointed. Particulars of ships.	116
„ „	„ „	„	Sends survey by Jo. Tippetts and 3 others of the defects of the Kent	117, 118
„ „	[Ordnance Officers]	—	Note of powder proved in the Tower, with the names of the makers, and the quality	119
„ „	Officers of the *Maidstone.*	—	Examinations of Lieut. Jo. Cuttle of the Lamport, and several officers of the Maidstone, as to a difference between Capt. Adams and Mr. Nixon the master, on account of the latter being abusive, profane, and giving the men drink.	120, 121
„ 20	Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Maidstone.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Will be at Rochester to-morrow, and can receive directions concerning the navy at Chatham; if he and the rest of the Commissioners intend coming, asks the time. Will go into East Kent next week.	122
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett. *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships	123
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Desires order respecting the company of the Fairfax, and as to sheathing the Bristol. Wants masters for the Naseby and Resolution.	124

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Dec. 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the company of the Assistance, that they may be turned over to the Worcester, but reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	Vol. 117. 125
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill of imprest to Capt. Parkes for 50*l.* on account of his pay as commander of the Great President, to enable him to proceed in the present expedition in the Mathias, notwithstanding the suspension ordered on account of some goods being taken by him out of a French prize. With note that there is 86*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* due, at 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for 230 days.	126
" 21	" - -	"	Order to consider what extra boatswains' and carpenters' stores are necessary to be provided and sent along with the fleet setting forth for sea.	127
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Doubts not but Capt. Haddock will answer their expectations in whatever they may entrust him with.	128
" "	Capt. Hen. Hall -	"	Hopes they will allow the advance of 3*s.* per cwt. for the Spanish iron on account of its dearness; noted, 2*s.* per cwt. advance, commencing from last Michaelmas.	129
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Have daily clamours for money from people who have supplied stores for the navy. The office having previously a good reputation for punctual payment, they bought cheaper than private persons; but as the sellers cannot now get either principal or interest, they will not trust unless at exorbitant rates, or sell for ready money.	130
" 22	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having come over from Dublin, by order of the Council there, to be refitted and return, desires order for a speedy dispatch.	131
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has graved and launched the Resolution, and is in hand with other ships named. Wants a purser for the Naseby and a carpenter for the Resolution. The ships in the Hope have been dispatched.	132
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As there are several new boats and pinnaces in the stores at Deptford, wants 16 sent down next week.	133
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Conferred with Capt. Blake about turning over the Hampshire's company to the Newberry, but as some have been in her since she was built 2 years since, and others were turned over as they came from the Straits, have had but 3 weeks on shore these 4 years, are in want of clothes, and their families ready to perish, little can be done unless they are paid; so will pay them on Monday. Particulars of ships and their officers. Mr. Hubbard, the intended master for the Speaker, is coming to London with a freight and will attend them. The Truelove has come in having been out 10 months; her men might be turned over to ships in the road. Sends informations of the officers of the Dragon, respecting their captain. With examinations and certificate of the officers of the Dragon, upon a charge of drunkenness and failure to enforce moral discipline, against Capt. Jno. Seaman, the commander.	134–9

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1655. Dec. 22	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has not done anything with the clothes, as the orders differed, one stating that they were to be viewed and laid up in the stores on account of Vice-Admiral Goodson, and the other, that such as were fit were to be distributed amongst the ships; but if they will send the prices they cost, will do what he can. Has the certificate about Amfield Great Park, which he will put among other like papers, and give an account of all when he comes to London. The proportion of stores intended for the fleet ought to be settled; can spare some masts, timber, &c., out of the stores; suggests the hiring of a vessel now at Portsmouth, to receive them, as another may not present for many months. Begs payment for the master of the Fortune, as the contract was for ready money; the agreement respecting the shot was made by Mr. Sewell, who ought to certify what it was.	Vol. 117. 140
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the instructions for pursers and the pamphlet. Is proceeding with the works; asks if any more ships are appointed for that port. Will victual several next week. Hopes the Commissioners will not forget Robt. Neale.	141
,, 24	Capt. Jeffery Dare, *Bear, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the articles exhibited by his carpenter against Mr. Burrowes, late clerk of the check, which he alleges he will substantiate by the evidence of a dozen witnesses, whose names are also sent, viz., drunkenness, selling strong drinks, causing false musters, &c.	142
	,, ,,	,,	With depositions of Robert Fisher, carpenter of the Bear, and 6 others, before J. Fowler, Judge Advocate General, 31 Dec. 1655, and 4 Jan. 1655–6, that while at Barbadoes, Burrowes, then clerk of the check, but now lieutenant in the Convertine, was continually drunk, supplied the company with strong drink, falsified the returns of men on board, and divided profits with the steward; also Lieut. Burrowes' denial of the charge, which he attributes to spite through stopping the wages of Fisher's servant for stealing some clothes.	
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send the examinations of the officers of the Hare ketch. Have also examined some of her convoy, as to her running on ground and being lost near the Whittaker; they endeavoured to excuse her miscarriage by the thickness of the weather, but if more circumspection and diligence had been used, she might have been brought off, as well as the others in her company.	143
,, ,,	M. Poillemache, *the Ship.*	[Mayor of Dover?]	Sends a list of his 45 soldiers, and begs better treatment for them - - - -	144
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The masters of the Centurion and Hampshire are both able men, but cannot say who is most fit for what they have in view. Mr. Patten, however, is an ancient seaman, and without exception. Will pay off the Merlin when she comes in. The masters for the Taunton and Jersey are come down. With note of their other officers.	145, 146
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Capt. Blake, who is ordered from the Hampshire to the Newberry, desires that John Bishop, his surgeon, may accompany him. Wants to know speedily if any masts and other stores are to be sent to Plymouth, as an opportunity presents of securing a ship.	147

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1655. Dec. 25	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desires the purser of the Taunton may be sent down, or another appointed, as for want of one her beer was sent back.	Vol. 117. 148
" "	Thos. Scott and 2 others, *Deptford.*	"	Received their order for dispatch of the ships at Deptford, but the ice is so great that more than ordinary care has to be used to keep them fast, their cables being liable to be cut therewith, and no boat can come from or go to them.	149
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Comrs	Has taken bail of Mr. Debare and Fred. Devink for the appearance of Theop. Scott before them next week. Cannot say anything for or against him, but is desired by others to suggest that he was an honest able seaman, and has done good service; although he pleads not guilty, the witnesses say otherwise. Hopes, however, the tears of his wife and mother may incline them towards him. With like letter (damaged) of 17 Dec.	150, 151
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	—	Certifies delivery by Robert Dunn, master attendant, of the stores formerly belonging to the Concord.	152
" 26	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants a commission for And. Ashford, late boatswain of the Speaker, and a warrant for his mate, Wm. Huling, as boatswain of the Advice.	153
" "	Fras. Hodges, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the invoices and bills of lading of the provisions prepared for the forces in Jamaica by the Committee sitting in London for the western expedition. Will forward those for the Convertine when received.	154
" "	Edw. Rowdon, carpenter of the *Convertine.*	"	Petition for removal into a better ship, as often promised, and not to go on the present expedition to the West Indies. Was in the last employment there, and in service before at Lisbon, &c., but is discouraged to see younger men preferred before him. With certificate by John Lambert and 4 others.	155, 156
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the said petition. Rowdon was in all the engagements against the Dutch, and went on the western voyage on his promise to get him preferment on his return. Recommends John Coates, who has been employed fitting out ships, to succeed him.	157
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Neither the purser of the Taunton nor Kent have appeared, and the work proceeds heavily for want of men. Will deliver the warrants and supply the captains with money to press men.	158
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	As the look-out appointed to search for embezzled goods is now boatswain of the yard, and there is no one in his place, sends a warrant for their signature for one, as there is need of him.	159
" "	Ja. Winstanley, *Gray's Inn.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Thos. Banks for a captain or lieutenant's place - - - - -	160
" 27	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order for the storekeepers of the yards at Portsmouth, Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, to draw up an account of the stores under their charge, so that an estimate may be made of what must be provided for next year's service.	161

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1655. Dec. 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for directions to the clerks of the check of the respective yards, to send an account of all provisions, &c., delivered into the stores to the end of Dec. next, for which bills have not yet been made out and signed, so that the Commissioners may adjust what is owing thereon.	Vol. 117. 162
„ 28	Wm. Gregory -	Major Robt. Thomson.	At request of his brother, Col. Thomson, desires a settlement of his account for victualling the Horseydown shallop; for want of it, has great difficulty to supply his family, and is also deprived of public employment. There cannot be any just exception to it; and if there is any, begs liberty to vindicate himself.	163
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	—	Accounts of supernumerary carpenters' and boatswains' stores requisite for ships of various rates, as in case they go southward.	164–166
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn, *Chigwell.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Recommends Capt. Hubbard for the command of a ship or frigate - - - -	167
„ „	Capt. Jo. Sherwin, *Primrose, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to tallow and victual, by order of the Council at Dublin, and is then to fetch over the treasure from Chester. Wants a foremast, and there are two at Kinsale; asks whether to buy one, although they ask 40*l.* each, which is an unheard-of price, considering the open trade with the Sound and Norway; or whether to go to Wexford or Waterford, where he may have some belonging to two ships cast away, at reasonable rates. Asks leave to expend money for necessaries, as it will save much trouble; also instructions as to surprising Spanish subjects.	168
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends the examination of the masters of attendance and master shipwright, touching extraordinary stores to be allowed to the fleet now going forth. Begs to know what is resolved upon at Whitehall, as the Rainbow will soon be ready; also sends the bill of exchange relating to Major Bourne. Mr. Meech, the storekeeper, having been absent since Monday, enquiries were made, when it appeared that he had been with a brother and some friends at Rochester until yesterday, when he left his cloak and gloves, and has not since been heard of. It is feared he has thrown himself into the river. He has of late been very melancholy, on account of some brass sheevers being missing, which he had charged in his accounts. Has secured the stores until the truth is known.	169
„ „	„ „	„	Particulars of ships and officers - - - - - - - - -	170
„ 29	„ „	Rich. Hutchinson	Mr. Meech not having been yet heard of, has secured the stores by putting in an honest man. Mr. Loader wants iron, and none can be had from London, on account of the frost; desires order to supply him with 5 tons of old iron out of the stores.	171
„ „	Robt. Colman, the *Wexford, Hunger Road.*	Navy Comrs	Sends account of the entries and discharges of men since March 1654–5 - - - -	172
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has hired the ship to carry the masts and such stores as Capt. Hatsell may desire to Plymouth, and will give her all dispatch, but has been too much engaged in careening the Centurion to attend to the stores to be issued to the outward bound fleet. Sends a note from the captain of the Sparrow, respecting new sails lent to a ship in distress.	173

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1655. Dec. 29	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Received the instructions for Robt. Neate, who cannot give the security required, being too remote from those who know him. Is not ungrateful for the Commissioners' respect, but thinks it is an accommodation to the service to present honest and fit men; believes there is more of form than worth in much of the security taken, as many pursers and their securities are not worth ⅓ of what they bind themselves in. The ship from the Bermudas has been in port several days, and says that Vice-Adm. Goodson has gone to leeward. Is proceeding with the works, and as he hears the fleet is officered, desires a list of the names. Has sent him a parcel of Bermuda oranges for sauce.	Vol. 117. 174
" "	Edm. Palmer, *Portsmouth.*	Major Bourne.	Begs the place of the carpenter of the Langport, who has deserted.	175
" 31	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Richard Bird, carpenter of the Expedition, for appointment in the new ship at Deptford, and Edm. Palmer, carpenter of the Newcastle, for the Langport, the other having resigned.	176
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Yarmouth Road.*	Navy Comrs	Is waiting for the fishers' coming to sea. The west country fishers sailed homeward the 22nd, and the Yarmouth fishers intend making up their fishing next week. Sends a certificate of his carpenter as to his pink being very leaky. Has a month's provisions left.	177
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has given the clerk of the check and storekeeper the Admiralty Commissioners' order, and they may expect punctual accounts. Does not know what is intended by it, but supposes they want an account of such bills as are made and signed, but are not yet presented to the treasurer for payment, without which they will hardly know their debts; is daily receiving things at this time of action. Has purchased 3 lasts of tar for present use, and desires a ton from London by Thursday next.	178
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Judge the Convert and Old Warwick fit for fire ships	179
" "	Ordnance officers	—	Account of muskets, pistols, blunderbusses and swords, requiring to be repaired for the use of the service.	180
" "	—	—	Estimate of money due to persons named for provisions delivered into the stores at Deptford to 31 Dec. 1655, for which bills have not yet been passed; total, 9,155*l.*	181
" "	John Davies	—	Account of the remains of stores at Deptford up to the same date	182
" "	—	—	Account of provisions delivered into the stores at Portsmouth between 1 Oct. and 31 Dec. 1655, for which no bills have been passed; total, 3,593*l.*	183
" "	St. Jno. Steventon and Jno. Dymock.	—	Account of provisions remaining in the stores at Portsmouth	184
Dec. ?	William Hart, cook of the *Lion.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a renewal of his warrant, having been in all the engagements with the Dutch and in the voyage to America under Gen. Penn. With warrant of Gen. Wm. Penn, appointing him cook of the Lion on the decease of his predecessor. 24 Aug. 1655.	185, 186

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1655. Dec. ?	Capt. Fras. Wiloughby.	—	Account of extra stores that should be put on board the fleet bound westward	Vol. 117. 187
„	Edw. Larkin, gunner.	Col. Jno. Desborow.	Begs relief, if only a small sum, that his wife and 4 children may not perish. Was gunner of the Mayflower from 1 Nov. 1652 to 11 Apr. 1655, and had 56*l.* due, but the ordnance officers have deducted 30*l.* 9*s.* on his accounts for embezzlements, of which he was innocent, and which occurred when he was ill. Has nothing for himself and family but what is received from the charitable, as all his goods and clothes have been seized by his landlord for rent.	188
„	Capt. Jas. Tarry	Adm. Com.	Had the command of the Jersey, as satisfaction for the loss of his right hand, but it put him to greater charge than his salary came to; was commanded to go in another Dutch ship for the West Indies, and on his return, was promised the command of an English frigate, but the ship, which is bound out again, is to be laden with provisions, and is not to carry so many guns as formerly. Knows no man freer than himself to serve, but hopes encouragement answerable to his hard adventures.	189
„	Chris. Hopper, mariner.	Adm. Com.	Petition for a cook's or some other place in the fleet, now preparing. Has served through the wars; was with the Earl of Warwick in the Leopard in the Straits at the revolt of the ships, in 2 engagements with the Dutch in our own channel, and in the Marston Moor in the West Indies, and has been quarter master, quarter gunner, and yeoman of the powder-room.	190
„	Hen. Kirby, captain, and the other officers.	—	Account of the defects of the Laurel frigate	191
„	Wm. Coppin and others.	—	Account of the defects of the Adam and Eve, which ran aground at Boston, New England, 29 Nov. 1655.	192
1655.	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Recommendations of the widows or other relatives of persons who have lost their lives in the State's service at sea for grants of money for their relief, 19 Feb.–19 Dec. 1655 [16 papers].	Vol. 118. 1–16
„	Navy Comrs.	„	Notes enclosing weekly lists of all bills signed by them; lists missing, 4 June–31 Dec. 1655 [29 papers].	17–45
„	Officers on ships	—	Bonds with 2 sureties, in sums varying from 300*l.* to 600*l.*, for the faithful performance of their respective duties, 20 March to 24 Dec. 1655 [38 papers].	46–83
„	Adm. Com.	—	Warrants appointing officers on the State's ships and in the respective dockyards, 3 March–29 Sept. 1655 [106 papers].	Vol. 119. 1–106
„	„	—	Like warrants, 4 Oct.–31 Dec. 1655 [117 papers]	Vol. 120. 1–117

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			Undated Papers relating to the Navy, 1655 ? i.—Petitions.	
1655 ?	Sam. Beale, cook of the *Great President.*	Adm. Com.	For renewal of his warrant, having always demeaned himself well - - - -	Vol. 121. 1
"	Simon Beale, mariner	"	For the command of a vessel. Was damaged 400*l.* in 1654, when commanding a merchant ship, by the Elias breaking his bowsprit and losing him 4½ months' men's wages, &c. With certificate by Capt. John Stoakes and 9 others.	2, 3
"	Rich. Beckford -	"	For leave to employ 3,000*l.* worth of cheap and serviceable clothes which he has bought for the mariners, and laid them on 22 ships named, but Vice Admiral Goodson says they must be used on shore, and such others expended as he has brought, which will undo petitioner.	4
"	" " -	"	For tickets for pay of Edw. Hickingbotham and 15 others of the Marston Moor, who have been employed in Jamaica, and requested him to take up their wages for them.	5
"	Chas. Byard, late gunner of the *Adventure.*	"	For the place of gunner of the Marmaduke. Has served 5 years, passed his accounts well, and attended for employment since Feb.	6
"	" "	"	To like effect. Has served well in the wars with the Hollanders and since - - -	7
"	Thos. Bignall -	"	To be purser on the Bear; has served as purser and clerk of the check under the Earl of Warwick and Gen. Blake; was in the engagements with the Hollanders, and has long waited for employment.	8
"	Rich. Bradford, late lieutenant of the *Laurel.*	"	For renewal of his commission. Has served 8 years, and never deserted, been in all the Dutch engagements, and on all designs on shore in America, and passed his accounts as clerk of the check of the frigate. With certificate by Vice-Adm. Penn.	9, 10
"	Theop. Bradstreet -	"	To be purser of the Great President. Has served 9 years as purser and steward, 3 in the Phœnix and 6 in the Speaker, and was in all the Dutch engagements, but another has been made purser of the Speaker.	11
"	Ellen, widow of Jonathan Brewer.	"	For continuance of the pension granted to her husband, who lost both legs in the Andrew, under Major Bourne, having nothing for herself and children. With recommendation of 13 parishioners.	12
"	Rich. Brewer, mariner, *Ratcliffe.*	"	For allowance till recovered of a wound in the thigh got in fight with the Hollanders; was put out from Bartholomew's Hospital before he was perfectly cured, and went to the West Indies, but his wound broke out again. Is now at the Lock in Southwark, with 2*d.* a day, but 20*s.* is abated from his 4*l.* a year.	13
"	Thos. Brown, boatswain, *Adviser.*	"	For a boatswain's place and compensation for his losses of 16*l.*, when his frigate was unhappily surprised. Was faithful in engagements with the Hollanders, in the Straits and on the English coast. With certificate by Thos. Sankey.	14, 15

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1655?				Vol. 121.
,,	Fras. Chaplin and 15 other traders for butter and cheese in *London*.	Adm. Com.	For restoration without salvage of the Susan of Walderswick, surprised by a French shallop, and rescued by the Adviser pink, whose captain gave her up to the Commissioners for Prize Goods. Have lost 3,000*l*. by piracy and shipwreck last year, in transporting goods for the city and navy.	16
,,	Edw. Cheeseman, shipwright.	,,	For a new warrant to be master carpenter of the Nicodemus, that granted him by Gen. Blake and Vice.-Admiral Penn being lost. With certificate by Capt. Wm. Ledgard and Rich. Ducie.	17
,,	Wm. Cockraine -	,,	For command of the frigate building at Chatham, or some other, having been long out of employment, and lost his acquaintance among shipowners and merchants by long continuance in the service.	18
,,	Cornelius Cole, purser of the *Success* and *Lion*.	,,	For payment for fresh provisions, &c., for sick men, there having been great sickness in the last voyage to Jamaica.	19
,,	Fras. Dickenson, gunner of the *Marmaduke*.	,,	For leave to pass his accounts with the ordnance officers, and for pardon for his rash and inconsiderate act in his late employment, for which he is suspended.	20
,,	Edw. Dodford -	,,	For employment in the fleet. Has served faithfully by land and sea, as appears by certificates from Col. Rich and Capt. Abr. Davis.	21
,,	Capt. John Edwin -	,,	For an order to the collectors of prizes to pay to the owners of the Constant Warwick 133*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and to him, as late commander of the Crescent, 34*l*. 5*s*. 9*d*., balance of 400*l*. paid by the merchants for their rescue of 2 vessels from an Irish man-of-war, 232*l*. 7*s*. 7*d*. being paid in for maimed mariners.	22
,,	Wm. Fifield, *Greenwich*.	,,	To be lieutenant of the Rosebush, having before served as a gunner. With certificate by Thos. Trenchfield and 2 others.	23, 24
,,	Edw. Haberdine -	,,	For a cook's place on the Kent, having served 6 years. With certificate of Wm. Boreman and 7 others, 2 being churchwardens of Greenwich.	25, 26
,,	Dinah, wife of Bernard Haddlesey.	,,	For an order to receive some of the wages of her husband, who went to the West Indies as quartermaster of the Bear, and then midshipman in the Laurel. Will else be arrested, and lose her goods for rent.	27
,,	Phil. Hancock -	,,	For employment. Has served 8 years, viz., in the Swallow; in the Providence when the fleet revolted to Prince Rupert; in the Leopard in the Straits; in the Smyrna factor; in the Richard and Martha, and in a merchantman.	28
,,	Mary Harbottle, widow.	,,	To accept Mr. Benge and Bartle as securities in 20*l*. each for release of her son Luke, prisoner in the Gatehouse, for wrong to John Hastings. Is extremely poor, and her son the only stay of her old age.	29

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1655 ? "	John Harris and 9 others of the *Wakefield*, *Reserve*, *Grantham*, and *Norwich*.	Gen. Penn	For payment of their tickets for which they have waited 3 months, Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, saying he wants money, so that they have spent more than their tickets come to, cannot go to sea, and are ruined.	Vol. 121. 30
"	Leonard Harris, late commander of the *Middleburg*.	Adm. Com.	For restoration to his place, being dismissed for drunkenness, of which he is innocent, but is thick of hearing and slow of speech.	31
"	Rich. Harris, late steward of the *Mermaid*.	"	To be purser of the ship, giving security to pass his accounts, having served on it 4 years as steward, and served at sea 9 years. With certificate of Capt. Ric. Stayner and 3 others.	32, 33
"	Mark Harrison, late commander of the *Gift*.	"	For command of a frigate at Portsmouth taken from the enemy; has served well, and last in the West Indies.	34
"	" "	"	For command of the new frigate building at Chatham - - - - - -	35
"	Rob. Henman, ship's carpenter.	"	For a master carpenter's place, or work in the yard at Deptford; served 4 years at sea, and in engagements against the Hollanders, but being lamed in the service at Deptford dockyard, was dismissed unpaid.	36
"	Elizabeth, widow of Hum. Hill of the *Swiftsure* (?).	Gens. Blake and Penn.	For an order for 5 months' wages due to her husband, who fell ill on the ship, was carried ashore, and died last March, leaving her in sad condition.	37
"	John Hills - -	"	For a gunner's place; served many years at sea, and last as master gunner of the Red Heart pink, but has been ill since his return.	38
"	Wm. Hill, cook in the *Old Warwick*.	"	For renewal of his warrant, or removal into one of the new frigates. With order by Gen. Blake for his appointment to the Old Warwick, 27 June 1651, and certificate by John Day and 9 others of his good conduct.	39–41
"	Geo. Hodges, gunner of the *Preston*.	"	For command of one of the fireships now fitting. Was in the wars against the Hollanders and in the Straits.	42
"	Chas. Hodsall, prisoner in the Gatehouse.	"	For release to recover his health and earn a livelihood for his family. Has been gunner, and faithful in the fights with the Dutch, but has been justly committed for neglect of duty.	43
"	Wm. Hollaway, minister of the *Sampson*.	"	For an allowance according to the 190 men the ship was victualled for, the Navy Commissioners only allowing him for 50. Was at great expense and hazard in the West Indian voyage, and did duty in several ships.	44

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„	Elizabeth, widow of John Howard of Stepney, of the *Happy Entrance.*	Adm. Com.	For payment of her husband's wages; he served by land and sea, was in all the engagements with the Dutch, and in 1654 served 7 months on the Happy Entrance, but staying 2 days on shore beyond his time, was ducked, turned ashore, fell ill, and died, and being pricked as a runaway, she cannot get his wages, and has 3 children. With certificate by Edw. Alibar and Hen. Gleed, churchwardens, and 6 others of Stepney.	45, 46
„	Ebenezer Hughes, shipwright, of *Redrith.*	„	To be master carpenter of the frigate building in the Forest of Dean. Has served 5 years, and lately on the Satisfaction, under Capt. Mich. Nutton; but when the ship was repairing, another informed against him, and got his place. Will so walk that there may be no report against him.	47
„	John Hughes -	„	For a place in the outstores at Deptford, vacant by a late miscarriage. Was storekeeper's assistant there till Mr. Davies' brother was put in. Was purser in all the late engagements, but has attended many months for employ. Is recommended by Col. Jones, one of themselves.	48
„	Thos. Jefferies -	„	For a cook's place. Has been 28 years at sea. Was in 2 engagements against the Dutch, and was under Capt. Badiley, Vice-Admiral of the fleet to the south.	49
„	Simon Jones -	„	To be lieutenant to the Convertine. Trading to the Barbadoes, his ship, the Catherine, was seized by the fleet for the American expedition, to his loss of 1,000*l.* Served well and returned by order to England.	50
„	Wm. Lockwood, of the *Falcon.*	Navy Com^rs	Not to allow his wages to be detained, because, being employed on the coast of Sweden to carry beer for ships in the Sound, the boats applied for it so fast that he had not time to take receipts from all. Will swear that none has been embezzled.	51
„	Tobias Lone, late master of the *Gillyflower.*	Adm. Com.	To be master of the Indian. Served in the engagements against the Dutch, and was 4½ years in the Gilliflower, but she is laid up.	52
„	Edw. Mathews -	„	To be gunner on the Dunbar. Has served by sea and land 13 years, and was gunner in Scotland, and gunner's mate in the Convertine under Capts. Lambert and Ant. Joyne.	53
„	Thos. Myhill -	„	For his wages as midshipman in the Portsmouth in the expedition to the West Indies, whence he returned ill, and is not yet recovered; was midshipman before in the Pelican, Sovereign, and Swiftsure, and so certified by Gen. Penn, but is likely to suffer by an error of the clerk of the check.	54
„	Tobias Mihill -	„	To command one of the small vessels building, or to be lieutenant on a larger ship. Has served 16 years as mate and midshipman, and was in the Great Charity in the late expedition to the West Indies.	55
	John Morgan, late lieutenant of the *Dover.*	„	For employment; served as gunner on the Assurance and Laurel in the fights against the Dutch, and at Jamaica as lieutenant of the Dover, which is now in harbour.	56

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„	Thos. Morley -	Adm. Com.	For payment of 640*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, balance due of 1,080*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* for hire of the Jonathan and Abigail, employed as victualler to the State's fleet in the Straits. Has another bill due, and his men are clamorous.	57
„	Ellis Morris, prisoner in the *White Lion, Southwark.*	Col. Clarke.	For release on bail, being taken 2 months ago on a false accusation of purloining some of the State's goods, which he can disprove.	58
„	Ezekiel Pakeman -	„	To be purser of the Resolution, having given security in 600*l.* for his fidelity, and testimonies of Vice-Admiral Lawson and others, but his warrant is obstructed on a false information of negligence.	59
„	John Rachel -	Adm. Com.	To be cook of the Gift, now at Chatham. Has served many years, and hazarded life and limb. -	60
„	Geo. Ramsey, mariner.	Gen. Blake and the other Generals.	To be master of a ship. Has served in several ships, and is now chief mate of the Katherine, under Capt. Willoughby Hannam.	61
„	Edw. Rand, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*	The Protector.	For restoration of 4 guns taken from him, on report of Col. Barkstead on his former petition. -	62
„	Chris. Randall -	Adm. Com.	For release from impress as a common seaman, having been master carpenter of the Roebuck 11 years, and 2 years in service against the Dutch.	63
„	Robert Reeve -	„	For the place of carpenter, having served 12 years, and been in the engagements with the Dutch. With order by Major N. Bourne to the clerk of the check of the Adviser pink, to enter him as master carpenter, 16 March 1653–4.	64, 65
„	John Richards -	„	To be steward on the Old President. Has so served 5 years, and was in all the fights against the Dutch, and last as steward of the Mayflower, but is now out of employment, and has a wife and 5 children.	66
„	Geo. Riley -	„	To be lieutenant of the Assurance. Was under Col. Mackworth through the wars till that regiment was reduced, and lieutenant in all the engagements with the Dutch.	67
„	Capt. Ant. Rively of the *Vulture.*	„	For consideration; served through the Dutch wars and ever since, and has been wounded in the Vulture, and just come from Yarmouth.	68
„	Thos. Roach and Nat. Humphries.	„	To supply the navy with copper ladles and tin bullet cases, at much lower rates than now given to Mr. Ward, they being makers. With list of the offered and the present prices. Noted, nothing to be done at present.	69, 70
„	Peter Robartes, minister of the *Centurion.*	„	For an imprest, as allowed to others in like case. Has waited 12 months for restoration to his employment.	71
„	„ „	„	To be chaplain in the Lyme under Gen. Blake, at his request; served during the Dutch war, and was with Blake in the Straits.	72

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„	Roger Roberts, gunner of the *Falmouth*.	Adm. Com.	For release on security, that he may pass his accounts in the Ordnance office. Has served 7 years, but is in custody with the serjeant-at-arms for embezzling powder, and for menacing his captain, who has forgiven him.	73
„	Geo. Robins	„	For a small office under the Comptroller of the Prize Office for goods landed out of prize ships, which he has served as deputy. Had a letter from Col. Cock.	74
„	Rob. Robinson, captain of the *Plover*.	„	For removal into the Providence, that he may go out with the fleet, his ship being under repair. Has a certificate from the commander-in-chief in Scotland.	75
„	„ „	„	To like effect, for removal into the Greyhound	76
„	Faith, widow of Roger Robinson, boatswain of the *Laurel*.	„	For the pay of her husband, who served many years, and was cast away in the ship. Has 4 children.	77
„	Jas. Rogers	Col. Clarke	To be corporal of the Satisfaction. Is a pensioner at Ely House, but went to sea in the Weymouth with Capt. Wilkinson, who now commands the Satisfaction.	78
„	Mich. Rosewell	Adm. Com.	To be continued purser of the Taunton, of which he was steward. Was so appointed, but whilst making up his accounts as steward, another was put in his place. Lost all he had for his affection to Parliament.	79
„	Geo. Rudack, *Hull*	„	For command in the State's fleet. Was master and part owner of the Unity of Hull in the northern trade, but she perished in a storm coming from North Bergen, and he lost 400*l*. With certificate by Rob. Acklam and 4 others, and letter from Rich. Cudworth to Rob. Blackborne in his favour.	80–83
„	Geo. Rudack, master of the *Weymouth*.	„	For speedy command of the Martin galley or Cygnet; served through the wars, and has been 2 years master of the Weymouth, looking forward to preferment.	84
„	Thos. Russell	Col. John Clarke.	For employment. Was recommended by Comr. Willoughby, who is now gone to Portsmouth	85
„	„ „	Adm. Com.	For a boatswain's place. On persuasion of Comr. Willoughby, left his place as boatswain of the Essex, and went to Jamaica as master of the Cardiff, which was there laid up as unserviceable; has since been master's mate to the Victory.	86
„	„ „	„	To like effect	87
„	John Rychaut, merchant.	„	For hearing of a petition long since presented to the Protector [for a pass for the King David to Barbadoes].	88
„	Chas. Rylie, late cook of the *Fame*.	„	To be master cook on the little new frigate at Deptford; has served by sea and land, and was at the taking of the Fame.	89
„	Wm. Rysing, late lieutenant of the *Yarmouth*.	„	To be lieutenant or captain of a ship; has served at sea, and has of late been pressing seamen for his Highness's service. With certificate by Edw. Thompson and Rob. Mackey.	90, 91

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1655 ?				Vol. 121.
,,	Wm. Tapsheere	Gen. Penn	For an order for 34*s.* due to him from Capt. Kendal, of the Success, promised him by Penn when on board the Sovereign.	92
,,	Edw. Tarleton	Adm. Com.	To be lieutenant on the Dunbar; has served through the wars at sea; was commander some years, and last went as reformado to Cadiz with Vice-Adm. Badiley, by whose leave he has returned home for preferment.	93
,,	Wm. Thew, steward of the *Gift.*	,,	For continuance in his place, in which he has served faithfully 7 years. With letter promising 100*l.* security for the passing of his accounts, and certificate by Jas. Clerke and 10 others in his favour.	94–6
,,	Capt. Edm. Thompson, late of the *Advantage.*	,,	For employment, or a certificate to preserve him from scandal. Left his own affairs when called to command the Advantage against the Hollanders, but now it is laid up by order from the General.	97
,,	,, ,,	,,	To like effect. Sold his own ship of 160 tons when called to serve the State. Noted, "No employment for the present."	98
,,	Capt. Thos. Thompson, of the *Crow.*	,,	For payment of his wages, which are stopped. Was to go as a victualler with Gen. Penn's expedition, but was stayed a month by winds in the Hope, Lee Road, &c.; the fleet sailed without him, and on his return the ship was discharged. Noted, "No allowance, for notorious negligence."	99
,,	Thos. Thompson, oarmaker.	Navy Com^{rs}	For payment of 84*l.* 12*s.* due, or imprest for 100*l.* in part of 200*l.* more, worth of goods supplied at Chatham. Has many workmen, and cannot get money to pay for wages and timber.	100
,,	Rich. Thoresby, of the *Elizabeth*, prisoner in the *Gatehouse.*	Adm. Com.	For release and restoration to his ship, being committed on information of malicious spirits. Noted, "Nothing can be done in it."	101
,,	,, ,,	,,	To like effect. Cannot remember speaking the words of which he is accused. Has lain 7 weeks in prison, and is in danger of perishing.	102
,,	Sam. Thurston, late check of the *Sussex.*	,,	For a place in one of the new frigates; has served 13 years, being recommended by the Protector and Gen. Blake; was made purser, and then check of the Sussex, but by her blowing up, lost more than his 14 months' wages. All the rest of her officers are provided for.	103
,,	,, ,,	,,	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	104
,,	,, ,,	,,	To like effect. To be clerk of the check on the Happy Entrance - - - - -	105
,,	Wm. Wale - -	Navy Com^{rs}	For an order for payment of 91*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* arrears of salary due to the late Thos. Lawes, secretary to Gen. Penn in the late expedition to the West Indies, having a power of attorney from the late Thos. Lawes, of New Sarum, co. Wilts, vintner, his father, and executor, to receive the amount. With the Admiralty Commissioners' order for Lawes' appointment at a salary of 200*l.* a year and no fees, 7 July 1654.	106, 107

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1655 ? „	Wm. Warr, late boatswain of the *Langport*.	Adm. Com.	To be boatswain of a yard, or have some other place on shore. Has served many years, and was so wounded in the Portland fight that he has scarce a hand or a leg to help himself. Was since in the Straits, but discharged by Gen. Blake, his wounds giving way.	Vol. 121. 108
„	Joseph Waters, cook of the *Harwich*.	„	That he and others of the frigate, who have long groaned under the tyrannical usage of Capt. John Jeffery, and know his fraudulent dealings with the State, may be examined thereon.	109
„	Nath. Weekes -	„	To be master of the Indian, or some ship bound for the West Indies. Has served 5 years as master's mate and pilot, and last as master of the Mathias from Hispaniola. With certificate by Barth. Kitcher and 3 others.	110, 111
„	Marmaduke White -	„	To be gunner of the Hopewell. Has served many years, and last in the Happy Entrance, in the engagements with the Dutch, but the officers under whom he served are abroad.	112
„	Rob. White - -	„	For a commission to raise saltpetre in cos. Notts, Lincoln, and York, and to supply 9 cwt. of Tower proof powder weekly.	113
„	Thos. White, master of the *Providence of Kirkcaldy*.	„	For protection of his 8 seamen from impress. Is bound to Leith with merchants' goods, &c., for his Highness's regiment of horse now gone for Scotland. With list of the men.	114, 115
„	Walter White, married, and dismembered seaman.	„	For a speedy answer to his petition of 24 March. Is in great pain to travel 180 miles to Dartmouth.	116
„	Katherine, wife of Peter Wildboare.	„	For an order to the commander of the Seahorse merchant ship, in which her husband served 10 months, to pay her his wages, at his request, he having gone onto the Falmouth, under Capt. Mills, when the State's fleet was at Barbadoes.	117
„	John Williams -	„	For employment. Has served 3 years; hazarded his life in the last engagement with the Dutch, and is recommended by Rich. Cromwell, his Highness's son.	118
„	Bradford Wilson -	„	For renewal of his warrant conferred by Gen. Penn, as boatswain of the Marigold, now at Woolwich, or for a discharge, that he may not spend his time on an uncertainty.	119
„	John Winslow, mariner.	„	For service at sea. Has served 5 years; was with Capts. Badiley and Appleton against the Dutch, and lost much by going with Gen. Penn to Hispaniola, and has received no reward.	120
„	Jos. Young, late lieutenant in the *Worcester*.	„	For a lieutenant's place. Has served through the wars; but when Capt. Peacock took the Worcester, he requested Gen. Blake to allow his brother to be his lieutenant.	121

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655 ?			Undated Papers relating to the Navy. ii.—Letters.	Vol. 121.
„	Thos. Balle - -	Adm. Com.	Begs employment as lieutenant or gunner. Has served 15 years in several ships under Gen. Blake and others, and lastly in the West Indies.	122
„	Elias Bissett - -	[Navy Comrs.]	Begs an order to Capt. Daniel to pay him his wages as trumpeter, denied him through refusing to go with him again except he will carry a noise of trumpets. Wishes to re-enter the State's service.	123
„	Ben. Blake and 3 others.	Adm. Com.	Recommend John Chappell, who has been master's mate 3 years, and been to Jamaica, for a lieutenant's place.	124
„	Vice-Adm. of Devonshire.	Constables of the several Hundreds.	Order to issue warrants to the several petty constables within their Hundreds to warn all seamen within their respective parishes, from 15 to 60 years of age, to appear before him, so that such as are fit may be retained for the service, and to leave a note at the residence of each seaman to appear; also to require the petty constables to be present, and bring a list of all seamen residing within their parishes, and to make a return of this warrant.	125
„	E. Hayward [*Chatham*].	[Navy Comrs.]	The money ordered by them has been only a present supply and not an additional help to the chest, for it is still charged on account by the treasurer as an imprest, until the accounts are balanced; and, for fear he should overpay himself, he has of late been forced to trouble them for a warrant quarterly, to save himself harmless in case he overpaid. If there be no other ways to help the chest, believes the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, who know its state, might spare some money.	126
„	Edw. Mountfort -	Col. Clarke	Begs employment; served from Feb. 1652–3 to Nov. 1654 as clerk of the check to the Recovery. Writes well; can speak Spanish; is poor and without friends, and can produce certificates of good conduct.	127
„	Marm. Paige - -	Mr. Turner	All the clothes put on board the Sampson were issued, and the money stopped on tickets and at the pay table.	128
„	Edw. Whallers -	[Navy Comrs.]	Recommends Mich. Barker, who has been a salesman, and lived "in very good fashion" in Stepney, but being impoverished, wishes to go to sea.	129

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1655 ?			Undated Papers relating to the Navy. iii.—Miscellaneous.	Vol. 121.
„	Fras. Summers, *Beer Lane.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Proposal to deliver French brandy at Jamaica at 49*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* the tun of 252 gallons, for the inhabitants, and the same at Portsmouth, in iron bound casks, at 36*l.* 15*s.* the tun.	130
„	Capt. Mark Harrison	—	Debtor and creditor account for freighting men and goods at Boston, New England; disbursements for sick men, wages, victuals, &c.	131
„	Jno. Godwin - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Certificate that Rich. Badiley, Vice-Admiral to Gen. Blake's fleet, was entered on board 14 July 1654, and served until the paying off of the ship at Chatham in 1655.	132
„	John Knight - -	—	Information that David Rogers, boatswain of the Unicorn, embezzled a ton of cordage, a new hawser, and some ropes and canvas belonging to the ship.	133
„	Wm. Knowles, minister of the *Great President.*	Adm. Com.	Information that Capt. Fras. Parke, the commander, took divers barrels of salt, fishing nets, hawsers, bread, and other stores out of certain prizes, and converted them to his own use; also a butt of brandy wine, which the General gave for the encouragement of the men; he also caused the clerk of the check to make out a ticket for a runaway. The Prize Office Commissioners said they thought the devil was in that captain, to sell all and bring nothing but the bare hulls of the ships.	134
„	—	—	Account of provisions on board the Fairfax and 5 other ships named, in the Downs - -	135
„	—	—	Account of provisions in the Sea Venture - - - - - - - -	136
„	—	—	Account of the remains of boatswains' and carpenters' stores in the Kent, Dragon, Newcastle, and Foresight.	137–144
„	Geo. Kendall - -	—	Account of stores on board 10 ships named, come into Deptford and Woolwich from the West Indies.	145
„	Peter Geriston -	—	Account of the lading of the Arms of Nimeguen, of which he was steersman; also list of the papers on board when taken by Capt. Golden, of the Prosperous.	146, 147
„	—	—	Account of provisions taken in and leakage of beer in the Colchester, 1654 and 1655 - -	148, 149

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1656–56. Jan. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to renew the contract for the Adventure ketch to attend the Resolution, and to provide ketches for all 1st and 2nd rate ships of the Straits' fleet, to assist them in impressing men; also to confer with the Vice-Admiral to condition for 4 or 5 men to go in each, and the commanders to put in the rest as they see cause.	Vol. 132. 1
” ”	Rob. Jennings, *Portsmouth.*	[Blackborne.]	Sends the informations of Anth. Gray and Jno. Hudson, purser of the Essex, as to the embezzlement of stores by Rich. Gardner of Portsmouth, and Wm. Lowes, carpenter of the Essex. Also examination of Gardner upon the rebuilding of the Little Essex at Portsmouth; he was employed by Lowes to fetch tallow from the carpenter of the Newberry, and also saw Lowes pull down part of the cabin in the Pelican prize to beautify the Essex, as also take a standing bedstead with turned pillars which belonged to the round house of the Pelican prize.	2, 3
” ”	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an indent for stores, &c., for a 4th rate frigate in the channel for 6 months, and asks their decision.	4
” ”	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Account of the number of seamen entered in 17 ships named; total 831 - - - -	5
” ”	Capt. Anth. Young and 3 others.	—	Examination of Jas. Rand and 5 others, that while sitting in a room at the Swan at Gravesend, 15 of the Freeman's Company rushed in and pressed them, and used much violence in forcing them out of the house. With a note that some of the most guilty are to be detained.	6
” ”	Sam. Clarke, *Bristol*	Major Robt. Thomson.	Is part owner of a ship hired by the State to carry some timber to London, but Mr. Aldridge will not deliver the timber without order; desires one may be sent, as also an order for impressing trows, &c.	7
” 2	Alex. Bennet, mayor, and the jurates of Rye, and Anna Sankey.	—	Certificates that Jno. Weight of Rye, master and pilot of the Advice pink, commanded by Capt. Thos. Sankey, was killed in an engagement with a French man-of war off Dieppe, on 29 Aug., and that Mary his widow is old, destitute, and has two children.	8, 9
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Repair and victualling of ships. Wishes the Commissioners had been at Chatham before the fleet sailed, it being the goodliest sight that ever he saw within Upnor Castle.	10
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires his influence on behalf of Mr. Whitton, since nothing more has been heard of Mr. Meech	11
” ”	Wm. Acworth -	—	Account of provisions remaining in the stores at Woolwich, and of those delivered into the stores at Woolwich by persons named, for which no bills have been passed, total 3,777*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*	12
” ”	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repairs of ships. Has none in harbour fit for a fire ship, unless it be the Sparrow pink, the Pelican prize and Advantage being sold.	13

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1655–6. Jan. 2	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth,*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an account of provisions in the stores, but will use the greater part for the ships fitting out, they all wanting new cables, sails, and cordage; also an account of provisions delivered into the stores, for which bills have not yet been made out, and an account of clothes received from the Marston Moor, which he can dispose of at their valuation, if it will suit the State and Vice-Admiral Goodson. Wants hair, tar, and the cables demanded two months since. Is loading the ship with masts, plank, &c., although he has not heard from Capt. Hatsell.	Vol. 132. 14
,, ,,	—	Col. Jno.Clarke.	Depositions of Stephen Day, Ellen Sadler, and Thos. Ayray, to a charge of bigamy against Rich. Day, clerk of the check of the Basing.	15
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Stoakes for 50*l.*, as a gratuity for extra services and expenses while commander of the George.	16
,, 3	,, - -	,,	Order to enter Jno. Redwood as chief mate of the Naseby with the pay and entertainment of a master of a 4th rate.	17
,, ,,	Jas. Ableson, *Mermaid, Yarmouth Road.*	,,	Sends the muster books. Has had very sore weather to the northwards, and is now bound westward with 20 sail.	18
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *London.*	,,	Having dispatched the business he came about, must hasten back to attend the sailing of the ships to the Hope; but having brought up his books relating to Mr. Kendall's omissions, is ready to satisfy Comr. Pett on each particular.	19
,, ,,	Jno. Wyles, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Has sent up two muster books of the Mermaid, but neither the captain nor master will sign them for want of instructions.	20
,, 4	Rob. Sewell -	—	Account of provisions remaining in the stores at Chatham 31 Dec. With note that the fleet setting out will carry away all or most of them.	21
,, ,,	—	—	Account by Phineas Pett of provisions served into the stores at Chatham between 1 Oct. and 31 Dec. 1655, and for which no bills have been issued. Total 13,301*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*	22
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for Capt. Alderne to fill up the stowage rooms in the Mathias, Bear, and Convertine, with the remains of beef, pork, and biscuits in his custody.	23
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill for the pay and entertainment of Judge Advocate Fowler, to 31 Dec. 1655, at 18*s.* a day.	24
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Hen. Loxham for 70*l.*, according to a bill of exchange sent, and place it to the account of Capt. Wm. Crispin and the rest of the Commissioners who drew it.	25
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the entering of 40 men on 4 ketches named, and the stowage of as much provision as they will hold.	26
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Robt. Willis, a diver, for encouragement. He was employed to recover the guns of the Liberty, and although prevented further action through the storms, he brought up a sacker of 18 cwt., and a copper kettle of 3 cwt., which he delivered into the stores at Harwich. His family are in New England, and depend upon him.	27

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1655-6. Jan. 4	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Capt. Nixon having been commissioned to the Worcester in the place of Capt. Harman, appointed to another ship, most of her able seamen have left, and the rest are resolved to go with Harman, so that of 70 men, there were only 17 at the muster; although she is ready to sail, she may be detained several weeks for want of men. It is his duty to discharge an officer when he receives warrant for another in his room; asks whether he may forbear doing so in this case, and not discharge Harman, but let him carry her down to the Hope, when the men may come on board again, and the same with regard to her boatswains.	Vol. 132. 28
" "	Thos. Scott, Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	"	The Fox is unfit to go to sea; recommend the Old Warwick and Plover for fire ships - -	29
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	The sheathing works have at last been all stopped for want of hair; has been constrained to use ground tow, to keep the men at work this day. Has no news of the ship with stores, but is loading that for Plymouth.	30
" 5	Math. Chase and Jonas Shish.	"	Hum. Cadbery, mastmaker at Deptford, says that if the bowsprits served in by Messrs. Wood and Roach had not been 29 inches through, he would have had to fish one of 28 inches, to serve for the ship building there.	31
" "	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	—	Account of extraordinary stores put on board 5 ships named, bound for the Narrow seas - -	32
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Was bound to give an account of the business concerning Capt. Vallis, but shall be glad if he appears innocent; will postpone the examination of the rest of the officers until the arrival of the Judge Advocate. As there are several vessels bound for St. Malo, the Portsmouth should convoy them, there being several small Ostenders ready to catch any merchantmen who have not a convoy. Particulars of ships, and the appointing of their officers and men.	33
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Send note of what extra stores for boatswains and carpenters they conceive proper to be put on board each ship of the fleet setting forth. If further supplies are sent, they should be put into a magazine ship, and issued as required.	34
" "	" - -	"	Have directed the rigging and furnishing of the 4 new ketches; if they are intended for advice boats, 20 men and 8 guns will suffice for each; but if for men-of-war, then 40 men and 8 guns.	35
" 7	" - -	"	Have ordered Mr. Shewell, of Bristol, to repair the Wexford, provided the charge would not exceed 100*l.*, and send her to Portsmouth.	36
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Particulars of the refitting of the Winsby, which has been delayed by the shortness of the days and the foul weather; she will soon be ready for her beer and provisions; hears from Mr. Shish that no beer has yet been brewed.	37
" "	Wm. Warre -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gratuity to enable him to start in trade, being unable through his wounds to serve any longer as boatswain. Has served the State 10 years, received several dangerous wounds, lost 10 servants, and above 300*l.*, and is now without employment, with a wife and 4 children depending upon him. With certificates of Capt. Roger Cuttance and Elnath. Hannam, surgeon.	38-40

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1655–6. Jan. 7	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Lyons has arrived to take charge of the Taunton; Captain Vallis requests a speedy end to his business, being out of pay and upon his own charge. Repair of ships.	Vol. 132. 41
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order to pay Mary Almner, widow, keeper of the payhouse at Chatham, 13*s.* 4*d.* a year augmentation to her salary.	42
„ 8	„	„	Order for the fitting out the Fox and Little President as fire ships, and the Hope and Marigold to carry provisions for the fleet.	43
„ „	Robt. Blackborne	„	The Admiralty Commissioners being about to send an express to Jamaica, desire an account of the extra stores put on board the ships lately set forth for the West Indies.	44
„ „	Geo. Robinson, *London.*	[Robt. Blackborne].	Sends, by order of Mr. Noel, the invoices and account of all goods put on board each ship	45
„ „	—	—	Notes of the state of the fleet in the Downs, the Hope, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Harwich, Deptford, Woolwich, and preparing for sea.	46
„ „	Adm. Com., *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	You are to order Capt. Alderne to send a month's provisions to Capt. Plumleigh in the Downs, for distribution amongst the ships there.	47
„ 9	Gen. Rob. Blake	„	Sends a letter from Capt. Coleman at Bristol, promising to expedite the fitting out of the Wexford, and to send frequent accounts; but as he is obstructed through Mr. Shewell being limited to 100*l.* for the expenses, desire they will order an increased amount.	48, 49
„ „	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Send accounts from the respective yards of the extra stores put on board the ships bound for the West Indies, as also of those in the Indian and Marston Moor for distribution amongst those at Jamaica. Will shortly send accounts of the state of the stores of the several yards, and of bills not made out by the storekeepers for those bought; are only waiting for the returns from Chatham.	50
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	Is repairing the Old Warwick and Fox; boatswains should be appointed	51
„ 10	Jno. Browne, *Chatham.*	—	Estimate of the remains of stores in the rope yard at Chatham	52
„ „	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	Sends an account of the muster of men on board 4 ships named fitting out at Deptford	53
„ „	Robt. Page, *Wivenhoe*	„	Sends account of the progress in building two advice boats and repairing the Drake; asks a warrant to press caulkers in Suffolk.	54
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor and 3 others, *Rochester.*	Adm. Com.	Have surveyed the iron in possession of Robt. Moore, seized by Capt. Smith; believe the greater part belongs to the State, as it consists of such as is not usually found in the possession of private smiths. There is some newly wrought, but cannot tell whether it is out of old or new iron.	55

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1655–6. Jan. 11	—	—	Abstract of the depositions of Wm. Ellison and 7 other smiths at Chatham, as to their complicity in embezzling or purchasing the State's stores; David Rogers, bootswain of the Unicorn, denies that he embezzled any cordage save 3 cwt. of old and useless junk.	Vol. 132. 56
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Sent a warrant to Christ. Pett, master shipwright at Woolwich, to fit out the Marigold to carry provisions for the fleet, and enclose his reply, that as she has been leaky ever since she came from the West Indies, and is doubly sheathed, it will take much time and expense to stop her leaks and make her fit; he suggests some other ship should be used.	57, 58
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Phineas Pett, master shipwright's assistant at Chatham, for 12*l.*, paid by him for 9 months' rent of Mr. Meech's house. Pett is not to be accountable for any rent claimed.	59
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	,,	The Warwick is graved, but the men refuse to rig her until a boatswain is appointed. Is hastened about the provisions for the 4 ketches, but the few men he has have been taken off to bring the Warwick to her moorings and the Fox upon her ways, so that the work upon the ketches and the fireships is at a stand. Wants seamen.	60
,, 12	Capt. Phil. Gethings, the *Preston, Downs.*	,,	Was away ill while his frigate was being tallowed at Portsmouth, so that his men were very negligent in their attendance; one or two having affronted Mr. Steventon's servant, wrote for their names, intending to punish them at his return to his ship; but on an order shown him by Capt. Myngs of the Marston Moor, directing all commanders to spare him so many men, discharged 30 of the most refractory of his company, and Mr. Steventon coming on board the next day to muster, they were pricked out of pay and victuals for the time they lay ashore. It is false that he agreed that they should be so pricked for 8 months; only agreed they should for the month they were absent on shore; as this would deprive them of 8 months' pay, begs consideration, or their wives and families will perish in the streets.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Tilbury Hope.*	,,	Asks an order to Thos. Jeffery, his master, to receive press and conduct money, having hitherto disbursed his own. Sent his pinnace to press men, but, the wind being contrary, could not get any. Will sail to the Downs as ordered.	62
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, Samuel Raven.	,,	Send, by desire of Capt. Thos. Sparling of the Assistance, their opinion as to her being girdled, with note that it is to be done with the best husbandry.	63
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Received their account enclosed of extra stores to be issued to General Blake's fleet, but has not sufficient sails in store. Has loaded and despatched the ship for Plymouth, in a time when they are full of action, and was compelled to use labourers for want of seamen; wonders vessels are so long in the river. Has been compelled to buy a ton of tar.	64, 65
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Will delay sending Mr. Belbin into the country to press men till the return of the Sparrow and Truelove. Particulars of ships under repair; unless more are sent in, will shortly be able to discharge several of the workmen; if the commanders of 4 named were sent down, it would hasten their despatch. Has only 50 men to a ship, as although entered, they give but little attendance.	66

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1655–6. Jan. 14	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Sparrow and Truelove have arrived with 22 men, and say there are plenty of seamen in Weymouth, Lyme, and Poole; but as soon as any ship comes into the road, they run up the country, and that when a State's ship comes into one place, intelligence is sent to the others, and that they believe the mayors and constables have a hand in the business. Asks whether those ships are to be refitted, or laid up; as their men are willing to be turned over to other ships upon tickets, little money is needed to pay them off; if there are any hopes of men from the west, they might be ordered to fetch them Asks whether, when any of the Channel ships come in, he may take 20 men out of every 130, or 14 or 15 out of 100, to help to finish the works. Fitting out of ships.	Vol. 132. 67
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	On the arrival of Judge Advocate Fowler, they summoned the officers of the Taunton, and took their examinations; but the boatswain being either at London or Chatham, there is as yet no legal testimony; supposes if he is examined, it will be but too evident.	68
,, ,,	Wm. Phillips, Wm. Powell, Thos. Campion, Robt. Gildersleve.	,,	Having returned from imprisonment among the Spaniards in the West Indies, offer their services to the State.	69
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is fitting the Wexford for Portsmouth, and has drawn a bill of exchange on them; begs payment, or it will be returned and business be obstructed. Being exceedingly clamored at by the owners of the ship that brought the timber and shot to Chatham and the Tower for their freight, begs they will order payment, or it will be impossible to get anyone to serve, whatever occasion may happen.	70
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Thos. Bowyer as cashier - general of the Customs, he having been employed as cashier to the Navy Treasurer the last six years, and given great satisfaction.	71
,, 15	Ordnance Officers. -	Navy Com^{rs}	As they employed the bearer's husband, Ambrose Dennis, in hiring guns for the State, they are the most proper judges as to the compensation to be made to her. She has often desired payment for 4 small guns which her husband hired for 6 months of Mr. Horth, one of which was broken, but her affirmation is not sufficient to charge the State with it, or to make out a debenture for it except to Mr. Horth, who has never applied. As Mr. Horth owed her husband 28*l.*, she desires a debenture for what is due to Horth, but Horth has not assigned it to her; beg a fit allowance for her husband's services.	72
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *Chatham Dock.*	,,	Will wait on them to-morrow sevennight, and come furnished to answer expectation - -	73
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Sends the muster books of the Phœnix and Pelican for transmission to the treasurer's office, also account of the number of men on 11 ships named. Total, 1,437.	74
,, ,,	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will pay his wife the money disbursed by him for his ship, of which they have already had on account.	75

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1655–6. Jan. 15	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send copies of the returns from clerks of the check of the several yards, of the remains in their stores, and of bills not passed to 31 Dec. 1655. Total of bills, 29,526*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*	Vol. 132. 76
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for refitting and setting forth a small frigate taken from the Bresters, and brought into Plymouth.	77
„ 16	„ - -	„	Order to ascertain whether there is any other ship at Deptford or Woolwich which can be substituted for the Marigold, designed to carry masts for the fleet, or whether her leaks can be stopped at less charge than reported.	78
„ „	„ - -	„	You are to cause an inquiry to be made by whose default the Winsby has been so long in fitting out at Harwich, whereby the service has been much obstructed.	79
„ „	„ - -	Ordnance Officers.	Order to permit certain coils of ropes in the Tower to be removed to Deptford for use as boatswains' stores.	80
„ „	Geo. Kendall - -	—	Note that no boatswains have appeared to take charge of the Old Warwick, Fox, Old President, and Convert, designed for fireships.	81
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will get what men he can from the Channellers, but wishes they would write to the mayors of Southampton, Lyme, Weymouth, &c., to send some, as the business is much obstructed for want of them. Will give order for sheathing the Hampshire and Merlin.	82
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Particulars of ships in the road; desires order as to supplying some of them with sails - -	83
„ 17	Com. Peter Pett -	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of the repair and sailing of ships to the Hope. - - - - -	84
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to the Commissioners of Excise for 50*l.*, taken up by Geo. Pley and Joseph Mitchell, of Dorchester, to enable Capt. David Dove to impress mariners in Dorsetshire, and to place it in Capt. Dove's account.	85
„ 18	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to the surgeon of the Resolution for 10*l.* extra towards furnishing of his chest, and to allow him 2 mates.	86
„ „	Wm. Billers. - -	—	Account of ordnance stores issued to Commissary Thos. Fowler for the army in Scotland, since 25 March 1653.	87
„ „	Robt. Colman, the *Wexford*, *Hunger Road.*	„	Having been fitted according to order from the Admiralty Commissioners, desires the provisions he has indented for, as he is hastening for Portsmouth.	88
„ „	John Greene, *Deptford.*	„	Mustered 46 men on board the Colchester on 24 Dec., the night the Thames was frozen, and believes she had that number when she sailed from Deptford. Particulars of the mustering of this and other ships hindered by the frost in the river, which lasted till the 31st.	89, 90
„ „	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	„	Desires a supply of half-minute glasses, log lines, and meridian compasses, as the ships are about to sail to the Hope. Comr. Pett has gone down with the Naseby. Rear-Admiral Browne desires that all his courses and topsails may be new; if all the ships are not to be fitted with new sails, they ought to be supplied with an extra quantity of old.	91

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1655–6. Jan. 18	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send up Theop. Scott, boatswain of the Golden Cock, who has been in prison at Dover for embezzling a cable, and has now given bail for his appearance. With his examinations before Thos. White, mayor, and Valentine Tatnell, and Nath. Smith, jurats and justices of the peace of Dover, denying that he ever embezzled or sold any cordage belonging to the State, or knows any such person as Edw. Stadden. Also another examination, admitting that while at the Bell at Woolwich, he was waited upon by Edw. Stadden, sold him a cable for 30*l.*, and received 29*l.* 11*s.* for it. Also examination of Stadden, admitting the purchase of the cable for 30*l.*; and examination of Jeremy Muncke, servant to Scott, as to helping Scott to remove the cable into a boat lying at the stern of the Cock, his master going on shore in advance of the boat. 10 Nov. 1655.	Vol. 132. 92–97
„ 19	Thos. Broome, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for quiet enjoyment of certain houses and land which he holds on lease from the Navy Commissioners in Dover, until they have heard the merits of the case; has expended 300*l.* on the property, and is disturbed by Capt. Alderne, chief victualler of the navy. Also begs payment of 400*l.* due to him for beer. With reference to the Navy Commissioners and their report, 29 Jan., that he had a grant from the Navy Office of certain houses and land belonging to the Navy, called the Maison Dieu, in Dover, for a year, which was renewed for 12 years more, if the lessors so long lived and continued Navy Commissioners, the lessee doing all repairs. Broome has not paid any rent since his entrance, but having been interrupted in his quiet possession, may have expended much in defending the State's title. He should be ordered to draw up an account of his disbursements since his first entrance, and if he has performed the covenants, an allowance might be made him out of the rent unpaid, and he hand over the balance to the late naval victuallers, it having been granted to them in their contract. Know no reason why the 400*l.* alleged to be due to him by Capt. Alderne for beer should be detained, if he can show it is a just debt.	98, 99
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *the Naseby.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed yesterday with the Naseby and 5 others; and although there was such a thick fog that they could scarcely perceive both sides of Sheerness, yet arrived safe at Holehaven and will get to the Hope to-morrow, where they will take in the provisions as fast as they arrive. Will send away the Andrew and 3 others from Chatham next week; then begs leave to come to London for the dispatch of extraordinary business.	100
„ 20	„ „	„	The Naseby and 4 others have arrived in the Hope. Has sent for 40 tons of ballast for the Naseby, which, with her ordnance, provisions, and men, will bring her down to 20 feet water, under which she cannot go so long a voyage. The Unicorn having sprung her mainmast, has directed the master shipwright to supply what is needful.	101
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - -	102

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Jan. 20	Capt. Simon Evans, *Jamaica.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Hound being found on survey unfit for use and only serviceable as a hulk, his men were turned over to other ships, and the clerk dying, the steward made out the tickets, of which he sends duplicates, as also the muster book, all the other books and accounts being sent on board the Admiral. Having notice of the coming of the Spanish fleet, 400 soldiers have been sent to guard the coast, and all the ships put in readiness to receive them. The Marston Moor has arrived, and 5 ships are gone to lie off Carthagena.	Vol. 132. 103
" "	Capt. Philip Gethings, the *Preston, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a paper about the embezzlement of a hawser out of the Preston by Hum. Bigglestone, of Deal Castle, who came on board under pretence of being sent by Capt. Taverner. Has committed his gunner, who gave it him, to the custody of the Marshal-General on board the Reserve, and the Governor of Deal has recovered the hawser, sent it on board again, and engaged to produce Bigglestone when required. Has examined the remains of his gunner's stores, and finds them satisfactory. With examinations of Thos. Dunkin and John Scarlet of Deal, about the embezzlement.	104–106
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	The Langport has sailed into the road; hopes the rest will be there next week except the Merlin, which has much work yet to be done. Has discharged 100 workmen and hopes next week to reduce them to the old number. Ordered the Truelove to Yarmouth to obtain men, she not being fit to go to sea until repaired, and will send the Sparrow to Dartmouth, as Capt. Blake desires to exchange his boatswain. Took 8 men out of the Pembroke, which has gone for the Downs, and 7 or 9 out of the Nonsuch, and will do the same with all vessels that come in. Delivered their warrant to Mr. Newberry and has given order for a shed to be built. Has nearly completed the victualling of the ships, and wishes their commanders were sent down. Particulars of appointments of minor officers.	107
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out bills of imprest for 10*l.* on account to the following ministers, viz., Edw. Ferrar of the Resolution, Heretage Badcock of the Andrew, Jno. Castle of the Unicorn, and Jno. Wilkes of the Lyme.	108
" 21	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill for 20*l.* as a gratuity to Richard Vinson, employed by Capt. Hatsell for 6 months in receiving and issuing provisions for ships fitting out for sea.	109
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay Thos. Golding, late gunner of the Portsmouth, 10*l.* stopped out of his wages pending a charge of embezzlement of powder.	110
" "	Augustin Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has commenced the delivery of the timber at the place of loading and provided for the carriage; has exhausted his funds, and his men are poor; hopes they will not let him live in a starving condition, but a word to the wise is sufficient.	111
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Understands the Admiralty Commissioners charge him with gross neglect concerning the Winsby frigate, but she was ready to sail the 14th instant, having completed all her works and discharged the workmen; wrote Major Neh. Bourne to that effect, and sent him an account of his charges. The delay in her sailing rests with the victualler and the weather.	112

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1855–6. Jan. 21	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Begs to be excused attending them till next week, as Commissioner Pett cannot spare him -	Vol. 132. 113
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Formerly acquainted them that without a supply of money, they would fail in furnishing the stores for the fleet, many persons having sent in provisions upon fair speeches and promises which the treasurer cannot fulfil, so that the business is at a full stop, and the fleet in want of canvas, which cannot be obtained on credit. Do not desire to be accounted peevish, but serious, in resenting the sad consequences likely to ensue by the fleet's not being ready when expected, and the enhanced prices of the provisions.	114
„ „	„ - -	„	Having daily complaints from poor seamen pressed out of merchant ships into the State's service, of the gross abuses received from their masters and owners, who, by pretending leakage, damage, or non-delivery of their goods, retain their pay, and take advantage of their being pressed in the meantime to defraud them out of their wages; beg directions to the Admiralty Judges, upon all such complaints, to use care in expediting the hearing and determining such differences, so that the State may not be prejudiced for want of hands to carry their ships to sea, nor the poor men and their families be undone by having their rights so detained.	115
„ „	„ - -	„	Send an account of additional stores fit to be sent in a ship, as a general magazine, for the use of the fleet going out.	116
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The owners of the Fortune demand payment of the freight for fetching timber from Dean Forest to Chatham, and as it has been owing 4 months, and he saved the State 7*s.* in the ton, desires they will prevail with the treasurer to pay it; will have very good grounds before he obliges himself in a similar manner again, as it is no small discouragement to persons in like cases, and a reflection upon him, having hired the vessel, and the bargain being hard.	117
„ 22	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Gethings has informed against his gunner for selling a hawser. Sends examinations, 1 Feb., of Wm. Candish, gunner of the Preston, and Hump. Bigglestone, gunner's mate at Deal Castle, as to the embezzlement of a hawser by Candish which was purchased by Bigglestone but returned by him. As Candish is a prisoner on board, desires he will communicate the business to the Admiralty Commissioners, and send him instructions. The Mathias and 3 others have arrived and will resail with the first wind.	118–120
„ „	Ordnance Officers.	Adm. Com.	Account of powder yet to be delivered by makers named upon their contracts - - -	121
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends 4 bonds left with him for signature by the sureties; has sent to Capt. Smith for the rest. Arrived in the Hope with the Naseby and others last Sunday; particulars of their sailing, &c. Desires notice if the Lord Protector resolves upon coming down. Begs that the fine imposed on Edw. Place, late gunner of the Adventure, for embezzling powder, may be remitted, he being poor, and having 6 children.	122
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Sends account of the number of men entered on board 5 ships named, fitting out at Chatham, total 431.	123
„	—	—	List of 21 ships supplied with gunners' stores - - - - - - -	124

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1655–6. Jan. 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill for 10*l.* for the surgeon of the Naseby, as a gratuity for replenishing his medicine chest, as also to allow him two mates.	Vol. 132. 125
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for 58*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* to Jno. Powell, and 6*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* to Hen. Webley, Admiralty messengers, for disbursements by them for the service.	126
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Wm. Hempson for his pay and entertainment as chief clerk to Gen. Blake in his expedition to the Straits, and as deputy treasurer to the squadron from 7 July 1654 to the paying off of the George, at 200*l.* a year.	127
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to enter Thos. Brague as minister of the yard at Portsmouth, in place of Mr. Tucker, deceased, at 50*l.* a year, to be raised by defalking 4*d.* a day out of the wages of the ordinary in the yard; the groats to be defalked and so charged.	128
„ 23	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy fitting out of the John Baptist for a fire ship in the ensuing expedition -	129
„ „	Thos. Allen - -	Major Robt. Thomson.	Recommends Thos. Welch for employment in the present expedition, his voyage to Spain not having been prosperous. He had charge of the wounded prisoners after the fight off Portland, is an inhabitant of Portsmouth, and has a wife and children.	130
„ „	Lieut. Wm. Allyson and officers of the *Winsby, Hoseley Bay.*	Navy Comrs	Were sent on shore at Aldborough to press seamen, but on showing the press warrants to the bailiffs and constables, and soliciting their assistance, were grossly abused by Blowers, the bailiff, and the inhabitants, who threatened to stone them, rescued the men they had pressed, and forced them to return on board.	131
„ „	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	„	Requires 80 or 90 more tons of timber to load the ship fully; asks what to do as he is lying at great charge; wants the Wexford appointed as a convoy.	132
„ „	Abra. Pearce, *the Indian, Barbadoes.*	„	Sends the muster book, and will only stay to water. The men are well, and provisions good.	133
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Victualling and sailing of ships. Capt. Symonds and the Lieut. of the Lamport have returned from Hampton with fair words and large promises from the mayor; will soon send an account of their performances, and of men entered in the ships. Recommends minor officers. Received the warrant for Mr. Belbin as master of the Merlin; as she is a 6th rate, the commander is also master, but the present commander is no seaman.	134
„ „	John Bradley, messenger to the Lord Warden of the *Cinque Ports.*	—	Receipts of letters from the following persons, 20—23 January 1655–6— John Sherren, mayor of Faversham, Thos. Wilkes, „ Sandwich, Thos. White, „ Dover, Ma. Lushington, „ Hythe, Rob. Wivill, deputy mayor of Romney, Alex. Bennet, mayor of Rye. John Crouch, „ Hastings, Also Capt. Rob. Plumleigh.	135
„ 24	——	—	Note of men mustered on the Naseby and 13 other ships named; total 2097 - - -	136

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1655–6. Jan. 24	Rich. Cowes, *Chester.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Came from Ireland by order of the Council there, for the money for pay of the forces there, but finds it has been sent in the Basing from Milford. Has drawn a bill on them at 4 days for 25*l.*, and hopes they will not refuse payment; got it endorsed by Capt. Jno. Whitworth, being a stranger himself.	Vol. 132. 137
„ „	John Pellatt - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for allowance for acting as Deputy-Marshal-General in the Swiftsure in her expedition to the West Indies; with reference to the Navy Commissioners, to pay him at the rate of 2*s.* a day.	138
„ „	John Packwood -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends account of men entered, mustered, absent, and run in the Worcester, Bridgewater, and Plymouth.	139
„ „	Captain of the *Torrington, Jamaica.*	„	Sends tickets granted by order of Secretary Thurloe to such of his company as desired tickets for their relatives; also some muster books. Has sent an account of the remains of provisions and stores to the Admiralty Commissioners.	140
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order that the navy victuallers allow the pursers 5*l.* per 100 men for six months, to make provision for the sick and wounded.	141
„ „	Geo. Kendall, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	The want of boatswains for the fire ships retards their fitting out - - - -	142
„ „	Jno. Hill, for Rich. Hutchinson.	—	Receipt for 24*l.* from Edw. Place, late gunner of the Adventure, being a fine imposed by the Admiralty Commissioners for embezzling powder.	143
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Blackborne.	The gunner of the Nonsuch received their summons, and will attend at Whitehall to-day. Has sent the storekeeper's accounts touching the iron brought from Rochester. Col. Clarke's letter has been sent to Capt. Smith. Was in the Hope yesterday; saw the provisions taken in as they were sent down, and viewed the Unicorn's damaged mast, for which a new one is preparing. The bricklayer was whipped by the porter, according to the Commissioners' order, but the fellow who stole the nails has not been heard of. As there is no appearance of any more smiths to give security, asks what is to be done.	144
„ 26	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will give order to take an account of the masts in the stores, as also of what is needed. Discharged 100 men from the yard last week, and 100 this, and hopes before the month is out to reduce the number to the former allowance. The 9 great ships are in the road; has nearly completed the fitting out of the rest, which are better provided with stores than he expected, but no supply from London has yet appeared; the stores are now from hand to mouth, and if a supply is not sent, will have to buy.	145
„ „	„ „	Blackborne.	Has delivered the commission and warrants, but some order should be taken with the postmasters, as the letters were drenched and torn with the little rain that fell on Thursday. Wishes Capt. Gethings had arrived, that his ship might be in a better equipage; want of seamen hinders, but hopes the ships in the river are full, and will be able to supply him. All the ships are in the road, and have their stores on board, and if the victualler would complete, and they might have 700 men more, should hope to be before Cadiz before next month is out.	146

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1655–6. Jan. 26	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note of men allowed, entered, and wanting on board the 10 ships in the road; asks whether to make an allowance to the pursers for sick and wounded men, or to keep to former rules. Desires warrants for the officers of the Centurion. Not having received the promised stores from London, has been compelled to purchase some to carry on the works. Begs an order to the treasurer to pay 6 or 700*l.* in addition to the 1000*l.* already ordered, or the State will suffer in repute, and he will not be trusted for the future repair of ships.	Vol. 132. 147, 148
,, 27	Sol. Smith - -	,,	Begs payment for Mat. Kempe, employed as his deputy several days in executing their warrant for apprehending watermen who deserted.	149
,, 28	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends letters from Capt. Archer of the Augustine, and muster books. Their order for fitting out the Brest man-of-war is nearly completed. Has spent much time endeavouring to procure men for the fleet, and hopes some hundreds will be obtained. Capt. Elliott of the Fagon has brought in a Biscay man-of-war of 8 guns; she had 63 men, but he put most of them on shore in France.	150
,, ,,	E. Hayward, Peter Ellis.	—	Note as to how ships named may be supplied with spare forecourses, some to be fitted out of maincourses, and others could be supplied in 10 days, if the canvas, long since demanded, were there.	151
,, ,,	Edw. Maning - -	—	Certificate that Capt. Adams of the Maidstone was often the worse for drink in the last expedition; Mr. Vincent, the minister, can testify to the same effect.	152
,, ,,	P. Rowe - -	Adm. Com.	On reference to his book, finds there is a Spanish ship at Dover, the Rosario of Teneriffe, laden with fruit, tobacco, &c.; that sentence is given as to one half of the goods, and that the other half was to be sold; also that they belonged to Englishmen. There is another, the Mary of St. Malo, with pitch, tar, &c., claimed by some Irishmen and Hollanders, the commission being granted and returnable in Feb.; there are also two small sloops, of which he has not received any certificate.	153
,, ,,	Theoph. Sacheverell	,,	Asks the place of purser in the Worcester, Mr. Clifton the present one being too weak and ill to discharge the duties.	154
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires the discharge of his surgeon, Wm. Blundeston, who has come into possession, by the death of his father, of an estate in a remote part of the country, which, if not looked after, may tend to his utter ruin. He displayed much ability and fidelity in the wars with the Dutch, and more than ordinary care in his place. Begs an order to the Master of Barber Surgeons' Hall to send another.	155
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Since his last, 35 men have been brought in by the Drake and distributed. The Governor of Guernsey sent out men to press in the Island, but the inhabitants opposing, the bailiffs called a Court, when it was decided to be contrary to their privileges. To avoid a disturbance, the men were sent to Jersey, where, by the assistance of the Governor, they procured 20. Desires order as to supplying the ships with extra water casks, and as to the allowance for sick and wounded.	156

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1655–6. Jan. 28	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their order about the stores, but no part of it refers to his port, beyond forecourses for the ships, which he will provide. The mayor complains of hard dealing respecting his bill; had brought him as low as possible, but if they can be better husbands for the State, shall be glad, as it is all one to him who performs the work, or whether he has stores from London, so that he has a seasonable supply. Things ordered 3 months' since to furnish the fleet have not yet come to hand. The brazier now stands upon 18*s*. per cwt. for his lead. The 9 ships are in the road, 800 men entered and 700 mustered; the rest were sent out to get more, and obtained 40.	Vol. 132. 157
„ „	Capt. Sam. Taverner, *Deal Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The bearer, Mr. Bigglestone, gunner's mate of Deal garrison, has been summoned before the Admiralty Commissioners respecting a hawser he bought of the gunner of the Preston. As he has been 13 years in the service, and 7 thereof under himself, voluntarily returned the goods, and is penitent, hopes the Commissioners will not make a public example of him, as it will render him an object of scorn to his neighbours, who hate him for serving the State.	158
„ 29	„ „	Adm. Com.	Has taken a bond of two persons in 100*l* each for the appearance of the gunner of the Preston before them next Saturday; also a similar bond for appearance of Jno. Scarlett and Thos. Dunkin. As Bigglestone is under his command, will engage for his attendance himself. Is sorry for him, he having been nearly 7 years gunner's mate of the garrison; as his guilt is manifest, knows not how to plead on his behalf, but having formerly trusted him, and never found him deficient, but very faithful and active, hopes they will have an eye in passing sentence, to his long service, his penitence, and restitution of the goods.	159
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out bills for 10*l* on account to the following ministers:—Thos. Palmer, of the Naseby; Robert Whitchcote, of the Rainbow; Stephen Puckle, of the Lamport; and Benjamin Peacock, of the Tredagh.	160
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for Capt. Alderne to send victuals for 200 men for 6 weeks to the squadron in the Downs, for distribution as Captain Plumleigh shall direct.	161
„ „	John Packwood -	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of men entered and mustered on 5 ships named, riding at Purfleet, the Hope, and Woolwich.	162
„ „	Barbara, wife of Thos. Burgis, gunner of the *Essex.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of the wages of her husband, now beyond seas, stopped on a charge of embezzlement against him and the gunner of the Portsmouth, but the latter has been paid, although concerned in the same thing. With certificate of Thos. Turner and 3 others as to her being Burgis's wife.	163
„ „	Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Chester Water.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hopes they have accepted his bill for 25*l*., and will supply him with stores needed, of which he encloses 2 lists.	164
„ „	John Knight, *Chatham.*	—	Deposition that while employed in the Unicorn, Jno. Hancroft, the boatswain, sold a new cable to a collier of Newcastle, sent another to Severn, boatswain of the James, disposed of others, and endeavoured to bind deponent to secrecy by promising to be a friend to him and his wife. Francis Slater, a rower in Capt. Pett's wherry, cut the Unicorn's mooring cable into several pieces, and put them into the store room.	165

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1655–6. Jan. 30	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Three able sailmakers should be hired and sent with the fleet, to make the sails requisite for the several squadrons; their skill and ability in contriving and husbanding the stores will balance the extra charge of 12*s.* or 14*s.* a month for wages, over and above seamen's pay.	Vol. 132. 166
" "	Nath. Partridge -	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Recommends Joseph Binckes, formerly a minister in the fleet, for employment - - -	167
" 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the refitting of the Nonsuch at Chatham - - - - - -	168
" "	Ant. Gray, *Portsmouth.*	"	Wonders they do not call him and his adversary before them, and terminate the case depending; the other side have done all they can to make a good case, and put plausible colors upon prohibited actions, respecting the last survey and the quantity of rings and forelocks, and there is also the tampering with Mr. Jennings and the stifling of Mr. Penny's certificate. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have also called him a rogue several times for speaking of things which he can justify, and Mrs. Lowe threatened to pull the nose off his face. With additional charges against Wm. Lowe, of employing more men than was necessary in careening ships, appropriating timber to his own use, receiving 30 gallons of sack from the merchant ships in the Road, and distributing it in gallons and bottles amongst gentlemen in the dockyard, and importuning Mr. Jennings, after the last survey of stores, to make as favourable a report as he could of the overplus of materials and stores in his custody. With letter of Jan. 10 to similar effect, desiring the removal of Lowe, as an example to others.	169–171
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have considered on their order annexed of 29 Jan. what room the extraordinary stores for the fleet will take up, and as the Marigold and Hope cannot take in much besides their own proportion of 8 months' victuals, extra powder and shot should be distributed among the respective ships; as Capt. Alderne apprehends 400 tons of shipping will be still wanting to carry victuals for additional men, part should be put on board the fire ships, and a merchant ship taken up to carry the remainder. With the order alluded to, and note of the stores to be shipped.	172–4
" "	Thos. Scott, Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of the tonnage of the extra stores above-mentioned, with particulars as to how much the Marigold and Hope can carry; also similar accounts by Jno. Falkener and Wm. Billers as to the tonnage of ordnance stores.	175–7
Jan.	Wm. Hutton, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for the carpenter's place in the Old Warwick, having so served in the Garland and Heartsease in the wars against the Dutch. With certificate of Manley Callis, Jonas Shish, and Thos. Malory, minister of Deptford.	178, 179
Feb. 1	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Peter Pett, Navy Commissioner, for 250*l.* for his travelling charges from Chatham to Woolwich during the building of the Naseby, and for his services therein.	Vol. 133. 1
" "	Capt. Thos. Adams, the *Maidstone, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Experienced such rough weather coming from the North Foreland that the pilot would not venture through; there is some defect near the rudder, as the ship grounded while at Deptford.	2

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Feb. 1	Capt. Edm. Courties, *Ruby, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a letter for the Admiralty Commissioners, desiring an order to the Watermen's Company to send him some able men in lieu of some boys they sent, and whom he has been compelled to put on shore; has only 100, and half of them are no seamen. Had 100 pressed away while at Deptford.	Vol. 133. 3, 4
,, ,,	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Had furnished Capt. Allen with 60 as able men as there are in the fleet, and 10 days' provisions for them, and helped him to 40 more before receiving their warrants. He is now very sick at Hull; if he does not recover, will hasten his ship to the Downs.	5
,, ,,	Jno. Green, *Deptford.*	Thos. Turner, clerk to the Navy Com^{rs}	Account of 7 ships at Deptford, the time they have been in rigging wages, number of men mustered on each, and note of officers wanting.	6
,, ,,	Ezek. Pakeman, *Rochester.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sent 6 sea books to the Navy Office for the Swiftsure; apologises for omitting sending the tickets. The Lyme cannot sail to the Hope until he has taken in her ballast and guns.	7
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has been ready to sail these 14 days, but will wait for the 48 butts of brandy and further orders -	8
,, ,,	Jonas Shish, Matthew Chafe.	Navy Com^{rs}	Have viewed 40 loads of east country plank belonging to Mr. Skiner, and lying at Deptford, and consider it fit for the service.	9
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Tickell -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the command of a fire ship, having served as commander of the Golden Falcon fire ship, and been in the 2 last engagements. With 5 certificates of Gen. Wm. Penn and others. Also report of the proceedings of a court-martial held on board the Swiftsure at Jamaica in June 1655, upon Capt. Tickell and John Maddox his master, on a charge of making false tickets and other matters, when they were both ordered to be suspended, and suffered to go to England, the matter to be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.	10–16
,, 2	Adm. Com. - -	John Maddox and Edw. Rands.	Order to attend them at once at their chamber in Whitehall - - - - -	17
,, ,,	Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Honger Road.*	Adm. Com.	Will execute their warrant for impressing 200 able seamen, but has been delayed in fitting out by the bad weather. The ship he is to convoy to Portsmouth is not ready.	18
,, ,,	Wa. Ettrick, *Sunderland.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs his assistance to obtain for John Hall, brother-in-law of Mr. Burder, late collector at Sunderland, and recommended by Alderman Dawson, some employment in the Customs. Asks a few lines on the subject of the power of the Committee for Preservation of Customs.	19
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farley, *Basing, High Lake, Westchester.*	Adm. Com.	Got the money on board the 21st ult., but is detained by winds; his victuals being expended, borrowed a week's victuals from the Primrose; as that is exhausted, desires order for a supply at Liverpool.	20

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1855–6. Feb. 2	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Newcastle, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrived with 105 pressed men, besides 140 of his own, and is now fitting the ship. Wants a minister, a press warrant, and 4 more iron guns.	Vol. 133. 21
” ”	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Portsmouth.*	”	Arrived at Portsmouth from the Downs with the men for the other ships on the 29th ult., and has them still on board, but Capt. Gethings has taken 50 for the Newcastle; is badly manned, and has but two days' victuals; has been off the ground some time and needs to be tallowed.	22
” ”	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Finds on survey that he has sufficient masts in store, and will bring up an account. Sends an account of men entered in the ships in the road, and hopes they will soon be completed. As the Sparrow and Truelove will be tallowed and in the road next week, and the Admiralty Commissioners have given order they shall be paid to 3 months, wants the money, so that they may go on the service intended while they are clean.	23
” ”	” ”	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Has reduced the men in the yard to 180, and after trimming the hulks and lighters, will make a further reduction. Has only received one landsman from Hampton, and none from the west. The Preston has arrived with 68 men and the Colchester with 40, who have been distributed amongst the other ships; as several of them have 10 months' pay due, they desire some payment on account, to procure necessaries. Wants a boatswain and gunner sent for the Essex, that the boatswain now on the Newberry may be discharged of the stores of the Essex.	24
” 3	Capt. Jas. Abelson, *Mermaid, Downs.*	”	Has come from Hoseley Bay and has acquainted the commander-in-chief of the number of men he has impressed; has 20 days' provisions on board.	25
” ”	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Aldborough Bay.*	”	Is using his utmost endeavours to get men, but still wants 14 of his complement. The Mermaid sailed yesterday from Hoseley Bay to the Downs, with 60 supernumeraries.	26
” ”	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	”	Has come in from the Hope, and waits orders. Received 60 men from the Masters of the Watermen's Company, but as they are raw and unfit for such a ship, will ask leave to go to Torbay or Plymouth to complete his number.	27
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne	To like effect. Sends letters for the Commissioners and Gen. Blake.	28
” ”	” ”	Robt. Thomson, Navy Com^r	Sends certificate of Commissioner Peter Pett that Jno. Hooke has a ketch undisposed of; being desired to provide himself with one, has contracted for her at the usual rates.	29, 30
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect.	31
” ”	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing there were two vessels in the road judged to be men-of-war, having 8 guns each, and full of men, went out, but they set sail in opposite directions; chased one of them with 18 sails out for 8 hours, but she went over the sands, where he could not follow; having broken some masts, and it being bad weather, with much snow and rain, put in again, but will resail with speed.	32

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1655–0. Feb. 3	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting, by Col. Willoughby's order, to transport such seamen as Capt. Dove may procure, or to convoy vessels for Jersey or St. Malo.	Vol. 133. 33
„ 4	Jas. Clarke, *Lynn.*	Navy Comrs	Having shipped some hemp for the stores at Woolwich in the Marigold of Boston, asks an order to the storekeeper to weigh it carefully and give an account. There are 6 or 7 men-of-war upon the coast; hopes it will arrive safe. Recommends Capt. Simants for a purser's place, he having served the State and suffered losses at sea.	34
„ „	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Greenwich.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the pay ordered hin for services in the Hare pink; as she was lost on the sands, asks the command of the Fox fire ship, when he will have had both Fox and Hare, "Then, Spanish Admiral, stand you clear, for Cranwill means the chain of gold to wear." Hopes to see the Spaniard quail; and if fortune should bring it to pass, hopes to be as much in their honours' favour as when ranging the Scottish shore, where, with thundering cannons he made them fly "from town and castle to mountains high," and also played a part in the peace that was made.	35
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Will give all despatch to the two Bresters; sends a paper about boatswains for them. Recommends Rich. Penhallowe and Isaac White as commanders; 30 men will serve for the biggest and 16 for the other, but will direct the officers to get 40 for one and 25 for the other, and endeavour to get pursers, &c. Left orders with the captain of the Paradox, when he came from Barnstaple, to return to his station after he had assisted Beecher and Tooker.	36
„ „	J. Greene - -	„	Returns warrant of Saml. Higland, J.P., to the constables of Surrey, to apprehend 19 seamen named, and convey them to Deptford or on board one of the State's ships; it is partly executed, he having received and put 16 of them on board the Andrew in the Hope.	37
„ „	Geo. Kendall, *Deptford.*	„	Recommends Hen. Hudson for boatswain of the Old President or any other. Has orders to fit out the John Baptist, but the State will save money by burning her at home, as she must have rigging, masts, &c., and much work to the hull.	38
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	„	The Pembroke has gone into the roads for the Downs with 90 pressed men. The Greyhound, hearing there were two men-of-war upon the coast, went in pursuit and has not returned. Is forced to secure the men daily pressed for want of a ship to put them in, or they would run. Wants a ship appointed to remain in the roads until the impressing has been brought to an end.	39
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	„	Will dispose of the 200 men's victuals as needed when received. The Pembroke has arrived from Yarmouth, with 90 pressed men, the Mermaid from Ipswich with 50, and the Advice is expected from the north coast with a considerable number. The ships bound for Jamaica are waiting in the roads for the brandy. With list of ships in the Downs.	40
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	It will be better husbandry to supply the brazier out of the stores there than from London. The caulkers sent down were entered on their arrival, and then had liberty to seek for accommodation, and the day they were paid off, they were paid for, and no other. The stores have arrived and been distributed.	41

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1655–6. Feb. 4	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The vessels with the stores having arrived, hopes to dispatch the ships. Has taken 16 men out of the Drake, and appointed her to transport the Bailiff of Guernsey. Several commanders require chaplains. No men have yet appeared from cos. Hants, Dorset, or elsewhere.	Vol. 133. 42
„ 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Hempson, deputy treasurer to Gen. Blake's fleet, lately returned from the Straits, for 21,875*l.* 16*s.* 1¾*d.*, disbursed by him by the General's order, as also for the redemption of English, Scotch, and Irish captives.	43
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to allow Rob. Willis, diver, 20*s.* per cwt. on such brass guns as he shall recover, which were sunk by the Liberty at Harwich, as also for a saker and copper kettle lately taken up by him.	44
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice.*	Major Elton, Deputy Gov. of Hull.	Sends Jno. Perks as desired; Robt. Clarke, who was to exchange with him, never came on board, but Capt. Fetherstone has sent Mathew Browne. Having been detained by weather, has sent his boat for 7 days' further provisions; asks an order to Capt. Fetherstone to assist in procuring them. Wants money for 6 cwt. of bread he has taken up at 12*s.* per cwt. Has 250 men on board.	45
„ „	Rich. Busby - -	Adm. Com.	Asks a summons to Mr. Wilkins to attend them about abuses committed by Mr. Mutton, in buying old ordnance stores, and after trimming them up, reselling them to the State as new.	46
„ „	Capt. Ric. Cowes, *Paradox, Chester Water.*	Navy Comrs	Having a commission to take command of the Paradox, went to Ireland for her, and having disbursed some money, has drawn a bill upon them for 25*l.* Commanded the Cat pink from Feb. 1653–4 to Sept. 1655.	47
„ „	Jno. Gough - -	Adm. Com.	Begs a speedy determination on his petition respecting his services in the condemnation of a ship wrecked or derelict, having long attended at great expense. Begs the command of a vessel; can furnish testimony of his skill and fidelity.	48
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Returns 3 bills, also an account from Mr. Hayward of extra provisions sent to the West Indian fleet, with Mr. Sewell's return of stores in his custody and of what is required. Has taken up some smacks, and given to Mr. Hill, the searcher, instructions for impressing men, and also 40*l.* Particulars of ships.	49
„ „	Capt. Rob. Vessey, *Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has done his best to press men for the fleet, and will turn over to the Fagon what he has, as also some of his own men, and then proceed to Falmouth to recruit. Has often demanded of the Commissioners for Prize Goods payment of the salvage for the Thomas of Apsom, but they say he will never have a penny, and use other unfit language; has resolved not to move any further in it without authority.	50
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	The Commissioners for Prize Goods so little value the order of the Admiralty Commissioners for payment of the salvage, that they laugh at his demands, and use very high language, and De la Place has received a letter from Ald. Hill, forbidding payment of any salvage. If they could charge him or his company with any embezzlement, it might be another matter; but as they cannot, is not discouraged, being confident the Admiralty Commissioners will maintain what they have ordered.	51

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1655–6. Feb. 5	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been waiting on the commander-in-chief in the Downs, and has come in by order of Capt. Plumleigh with several vessels under convoy, as also to victual. Will then return to the Downs.	Vol. 133. 52
,, ,,	J. Whittell, *Prize Office.*	,,	The bearer, who had employment in the Probate Court, will attend the Commissioners, who will give him the employment promised, though much below him; being on board the Fortune day and night is not likely to suit him, as being too mean, and would be of short duration, as the Admiralty Judges refuse to order the landing and sale of the wines, they being claimed by Dutch and French, though bound for Ostend. The captain who took her had doubtless grounds for his seizure, and if the intelligence the Commissioners have received was communicated, it might prevent the loss the State is likely to suffer by the acts of the claimers.	53
,, ,,	Jno. Whitworth, *Chester.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Capt. Cowes of the Paradox has arrived from Dublin by order of the Council there, and wanting money, applied to him; not having any, referred him to Jno. Anderson, from whom he received 25*l.* and gave a bill upon the Navy Commissioners; hopes not to be made liable for performing such thankless offices.	54
,, 6	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	,,	Wants a new mainsail, as the one he has is very old, and the other has lain long in the yard -	55
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Hill, *Speaker, Stoke's Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with the Pelican and two others, the rest being separated by foul weather. Has sent on shore to the victualler to supply some provisions upon petty warrant.	56
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Spithead.*	,,	Had orders from Capt. Wm. Hill to sail to the Downs, with the Speaker and 4 others, but has been forced to come in, having sprung a leak which may take 10 days to stop, being under the girdling.	57
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will send 4 of the 10 cables ordered to the Marigold, at Woolwich, for the use of the fleet, but has not the others in store; will have to make some for the ships fitting out at Chatham.	58
,, ,,	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a petition from his sister to the Admiralty Commissioners, and desires he will present it when Gen. Blake is present; has spoken to him and Mr. Hopkins thereon. She has lost all her estate, and is now living upon his in Ireland, and he has had to maintain her 4 children ever since the Rebellion. Would have attended himself, but as there are seldom more than two in the office, is tied by the leg, or the service would suffer.	59
,, ,,	Anth. Stephens -	—	Receipt for 5*l.* from Hump. Bigglestone, as a fine imposed by the Admiralty Commissioners for embezzling a hawser from the Preston.	60
,, ,,	Jno. Tippetts, Fras. Lucas.	—	Certificate that they have surveyed the Amity at Portsmouth, with particulars of the work required to stop her leaks.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has landed the stores sent, but the colours and pendants were so much rat eaten as to be useless; will send up a sample, so that they may believe their own eyes. It would have been better to send the material as he desired, and have them made as required. Several ships have arrived from the river, including the Amity to stop her leaks.	62

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1655–6. Feb. 6	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival of ships; defects of the Amity, whose men should be turned over to other ships. No men have yet arrived from the north, but his number increases; hopes to be complete in a few days, but has desired Captains Coppin and Blake to go to Southampton to quicken the mayor there. Hopes the ships for Plymouth will be able to sail tomorrow; will put those from the Downs into petty warrant, and take an account of their sea stores. As the pursers generally require a supply of leather hose for their water casks, asks if he shall distribute those in store. Will order the delivery of their letters, and the discharge of the man from the Colchester; sends a list of the officers of the Hampshire, of whom Capt. Blake, their late commander, gives a good account.	Vol. 133. 63
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for the speedy dispatch of the fireships refitting in the river, as also for supplying them and the ships in the Hope with boatswains' and carpenters' stores.	64
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for directions to Capt. Thos. Alderne to furnish the ships in the Hope with their full complement of victuals, so that they may proceed on their voyage next week, as also to supply the frigates of Gen. Blake's fleet, sent or to he sent to Portsmouth, with such as they shall expend between the time of sailing from the Hope and entering into petty warrant at Portsmouth, so that they may depart with their full proportion for 8 months.	65
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	—	Particulars of the amount of powder and shot that 12 ships named will be able to stow over and above their own provisions. Account of the weight of powder, shot, and guns mentioned; and list of ships requiring powder and other stores.	66, 67
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends 4 out of 5 bonds left with him for signature. Was in the Hope on Wednesday, and it was a goodly sight to see the navy there; if any persons of quality intend going on board, hopes he will let him know. There is only the Lyme at Chatham and she will sail tomorrow.	68
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Hopes they had an account from Mr. Blackborne respecting the Bristol. General Blake has sent for a pilot for the Naseby; will accompany him part of the way to the Downs tomorrow, as will also the Lyme. The ships should be furnished with sufficient victuals on petty warrant to carry them to their rendezvous, and thus save their sea provisions.	69
„ „	Capt. Giles Shelley, the *Colchester, Spithead.*	„	Is sorry to have incurred their displeasure through not sending men, but only pressed 3, which he kept. His boat was employed, while in the Hope, getting in things left behind at Deptford through the frost, which only broke up yesterday; only met 5 ships off Beachey. Wants men himself, 20 of his seamen having run to Yarmouth and other northern parts; hears they have all been pressed into other ships since. Their habit of running away when they have money, and losing 3 months' pay thereby, is not unknown. Has marked them all as run in the muster book.	70
„ „	Thos. Toll, *Lynn* -	Robt. Blackborne.	Being still troubled by Mr. Shadwell for the office of comptroller or check in the port, again requests he will appear before one of the barons and give his testimony in the Exchequer; doubts not but this will quell the presumption of his adversary.	71

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1655.–6 Feb. 7	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Defects of the Amity. Asks whether to supply the ships in the river with provisions in lieu of those they expended in coming down. The Hopewell brought in 30 men from Capt. Dove; will distribute them amongst the other ships. Desires an order to the victualler's agent to pay the pursers the money allowed for sick and wounded, as several ships have sailed without it; several of the ships from London need pursers. Was in hopes of reducing the men in the yard, but there is so much work that he fears he will want 20 or 30 more for another month.	Vol. 133. 72
" 8	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice.*	"	Came into the Humber by order of the governor [of Hull], and has received 63 pressed men and volunteers, as also some provisions, and will sail for the Downs with the first wind.	73
" "	Thos. Arkenstall and 4 others.	—	Certificate for Thos. Jacob, for a boatswain's place in a 3rd rate frigate, he having served 8 years as master of the Greyhound and boatswain's mate in the Triumph and Tiger, and been in most of the engagements against the Hollanders.	74
" "	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Hugh Errington, *Navy Office.*	Edward Rand has been gone to Ireland 7 weeks; resides in the house he formerly lived in	75
" "	Jno. Bonython, *Bridewell.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes he will pity his miserable condition, having been confined 8 weeks; has no friends, nor any hopes of getting out, except by his means, or by his presenting his petition to the Admiralty Commissioners. Was engaged to go with the fleet now ready to sail, and if permitted, will devote the remainder of his life to the service.	76
" "	Manley Callis, Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Have surveyed the John Baptist, sent to Deptford to be converted into a fire ship, and give particulars. The materials and workmanship will equal the cost of building a new ship.	77
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Highlake.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented from sailing by foul weather. A bark of Liverpool has been cast away, and all her men lost, within a mile of him. Hopes they will send him some sails, cables, &c., by the Wexford.	78
" "	Capt. Alex. Farley, *Basing, Highlake.*	"	To similar effect. Wants provisions; had to borrow sufficient for 7 days from Capt. Sherren, and his men have been a week on half allowance.	79
" "	John Green, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends account of 6 ships in rigging wages at Deptford, with the number of men mustered on each. Received 15 men from the constables of Southwark, and 2 from those of Leatherhead, whom he delivered to Capt. Young for distribution amongst the ships; but they had received neither press or conduct money, and were much dissatisfied. Asks what to do in like cases.	80, 81
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received the warrants for Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tooker, and will hasten into their part of the country, as soon as affairs at Plymouth will permit. Hopes the Paradox, or some vessel from Portsmouth will be sent to Barnstaple, to receive the pressed men, but it would be better to give them conduct money to come to Plymouth. Desires a press warrant for Capt. Tayler of the Griffin, and will then send him to Sidmouth and other parts to procure men. Particulars of ships. Only arrived this day from Gen. Desborow at Exeter, so can assign no reason for the Phœnix coming in, save that some of her chain plates are loose and she wants men.	82

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1655–6. Feb. 8	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his letters; will soon draw his money from Mr. Powell by exchange; will need that and more to help on the public works at Plymouth. Gen. Desborow left Exeter for Dorsetshire yesterday, and may be in town in 14 days. He is as fresh as ever, and has done much good work in the west. Remembrances to Ladies Desborow and French.	Vol. 133. 83
" "	" "	Col. Jno. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	Has been to Exeter with Gen. Desborow, and while there, enquired into the state of the powder, which was generally very bad; having separated the good, will supply the Nantwich, Assurance, and others, and hasten them to Portsmouth. Is glad the Commissioners have ordered them there, as the business of issuing false tickets may now be examined, and by paying off the men, they will lighten their spirits, now very flat. The Assistance has almost been rebuilt. The Prize Commissioners have ordered the sale of the two Biscay men-of-war next week. Will trouble him in his next respecting the poor people in the parish where he lives, who, by means of the Governor of Windsor, are without a minister.	84
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson.	[Rich. Creed], Secretary to the Generals of the Fleet.	Begs assistance for Jno. Bank in getting his warrant for the master's place in the Great President, in which he has lately served.	85
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Great Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Gave the number of men he put on board the Pembroke, which, with the Greyhound, was then in pursuit of the enemy. Has now 40 in custody, whom he is forced to secure by several guards, for want of a ship to put them in, and as he daily expects more, desires they will send a ship to the roads, to remain there until she has as many as she can carry, or until order to the contrary.	86
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Send the instructions drawn up for Mr. Hempson, as muster-master-general of the fleet. Capt. Alderne is preparing those for him as general purser, and will shortly send them. With the instructions.	87, 88
" "	Hen. Pitt, mayor, Wm. Horne, Edw. Exton, Robt. Wroth, *Southampton.*	"	On receipt of their letter, employed the constables and other officers to impress the 150 men required, and sent a copy to the captain of Calshot Castle and other places; but with all their endeavours, could only procure 30, whom they have sent, with tickets, to Commissioner Willoughby, at Portsmouth. Have been much disabled on account of a frigate, which has lain at the mouth of the river for several days, impressing all that came into the river; will still proceed and raise what they can, though they have no hope of finding the number mentioned.	89

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1655–6. Feb. 8	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a list of men-of-war in the Downs, how they are victualled, and the employment others named are engaged upon. Delivered their instructions to the commanders of the frigates in the roads; has sent all the pressed men to Portsmouth, the Dartmouth having 151. Appointed Capt. Jno Smith, of the Pearl, to convoy some vessels to the Wellings, and then to ply on the north coast; but as he and others want provisions, desires an order to Mr. White, the victualler at Dover, to supply what is needed.	Vol. 133. 90, 91
" "	Thos. Pointer	—	List of 159 men pressed in London by Lieut. Blake, and sent on board the Speaker in the Hope.	92
" "	Capt. W. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Left the Downs for the Isle of Wight by order of Capt. Hill of the Speaker, but was compelled, by rough weather, to put into Plymouth, with broken chainplates, shrouds, and masts. The pressed watermen prove too fresh and unfit for the service; will endeavour to obtain others and comply with their orders.	93
" 9	Capt. Robt. Blake *the Newberry.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs a warrant for Jas. Norwood, of Canterbury, to go with him as his minister; he served under him in the Hampshire, and received a certificate from Vice-Adm. Lawson.	94
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Hunger Road.*	Adm. Com.	Is ready for his guns, provisions, and such shot as he can take as ballast; on arriving at King's Road will observe former orders. Having engaged for two months' provisions since being at Hunger Road, hopes they will see that he is satisfied.	95
" "	David Dove, *Melcomb.*	"	Has used all possible means to procure seamen, and sends a list of those put on board the Drake and Hopewell pink; many have gone to Portsmouth, that they might choose their ships, and others, although summoned, have not appeared; those who have volunteered should have liberty to go on shore, and those pressed be kept as prisoners on board. As evidence of his care in the matter, has sent the warrant issued by Capt. Southwood, of Gen. Desborow's troop; hopes, as the press warrants are still out, he may procure many more. Will send an account of his disbursements, and is sorry the expense and labour have not procured the number of men required.	96, 97
" "	Capt. Thos. Eliot	"	Received 311 men at Portsmouth and Dartmouth for the fleet, by order of Commissioner Hastell. Is to receive shot and match for the Nantwich and Assurance, and after delivery thereof, will proceed to Plymouth.	98
" "	Peter Ellis, Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Having received 18 bales of Noyal canvas into the stores, ask whether they shall proceed with the making of the sails for 8 ships named.	99
" "	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Has supplied Capt. Allen with provisions, and desired him to hasten to the Downs, with 110 pressed men and volunteers put on board. Sends an account of men pressed; as also of his disbursements therein. Has drawn a bill on them for 56*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, and desires they will pay it to Ensign Rich. Elton.	100, 101

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1655–6.				Vol. 133.
Feb. 9	Capt. Philip Gethings, *the Newcastle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his letter and press warrant, and will be satisfied with his answer as to the guns until he meets another prize. Is still in want of a minister. Never found a ship so defective through bad husbandry, but has brought things into a pretty good posture, and almost procured his complement of men. If wind serves, hopes next week to answer the Commissioners' and Generals' expectation.	102
„ „	Capt. John Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Asks an answer to his letter, being ready to sail - - - - - - -	103
„	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	Before leaving London, the Admiralty Commissioners ordered them to supply him with a hoy to attend his ship, and on attending the Navy Office, was told by Major Thompson to contract for one, and certify, when it would be allowed. Hired the John of Stroud of Jno. Hook, at 32*l.* a month, but hearing since that they have engaged another, has stayed the fitting out of this.	104
„ „	Capt. John Taylor -	„	Sends an account of stores required. Asks order as to sheathing the James, which is in dry dock. Saw the Unicorn and Worcester between Chatham and the Hope, with broken masts; as there were no complaints of them when at sea, hopes they will enquire into the cause, as it will involve several hundreds of pounds. Ships generally require new locks and hinges to the cabins and storeroom doors every voyage; a warrant should be sent to Mr. Hayward to cause the boatswains to indent for them, as they are taken off and carried away.	105
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send account of the quality of the powder sent to the Tower by 7 makers named; also of some returned from ships; total, 1,944 barrels good, and 1646 bad. The powder lately delivered by Mr. Sawyer is on a contract for a monthly supply while the Act is in force for making saltpetre. Hearing from Mr. Newberry that the Truelove, at Portsmouth, is ready to sail, desire a warrant for her supply.	106, 107
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received an Admiralty order that ships were to be supplied with their full complement of stores from the place where they were fitted out, yet several have arrived from the Downs to complete their stores, or change the bad; desires order therein. Sends an account of men entered on board the ships in the Road, by which they will see they are over-manned for number, but many of them are trouncers, not fit to carry to sea. With account of the number of men entered and mustered on 8 ships there, as also on 5 ships from the Downs, and note that the difference between the entries and musters is because some are on shore.	108, 109

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1655–6. Feb. 9	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. The captain of the Langport sent the names of 30 persons to whom he had paid press and conduct money, but not 6 of them have appeared. Will order payment of the tickets of seamen turned over to be made to their captains, and issued as needed. The Fagon arrived from Plymouth with 285 men for the fleet, and the Dartmouth from the Downs with 151, but the latter are represented as very unfit for the service. There being two Dunkirk men-of-war infesting the coasts about Bredhemston, the Truelove should be appointed to that station. As Capt. Hatsell has demanded some powder and shot for the Nantwich and Assurance, desires order to Mr. Newberry to supply it. Cannot give any particulars of the masts in the New England ship, they being covered with other goods. The purser of the Truelove has not yet named his surety, and although Mr. Carrall is his friend, he is unwilling to trouble him.	Vol. 133. 110
„ „	„ „	Blackborne.	Thanks for a book sent, which meets with approbation; hopes it will do good, and should like to know the author's name. The ships are ready for orders, and although their men are not the best, must be content; cannot get better, not because they are not to be had, but because the persons employed to obtain them are unfaithful; his neighbours are also to be blamed. Is troubled at the delay of the Phœnix and Portsmouth, which were sent to Guernsey and Jersey for men.	111
„ 10	Capt. Jas. Abelson, *Mermaid, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks leave to return to London, his wife being ill - - - - - -	112
„ „	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for taking in 90 soldiers, and has given the Lieut.-Colonel a list of their names. Has now 50 men with soldiers, and will take in 25 more for the Plymouth; has ordered the Ruby to take in the rest. Will sail with to-morrow's tide.	113
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Sends a letter from [Capt. Allen] whom he has supplied with provisions and 114 men, so that he has now 260, and has gone for the Downs. Has done his utmost to get men for the present expedition, but could not obtain more; has charged a bill of exchange upon them for disbursements amounting to 66*l.* 10*s.*, which he hopes they will pay to Ensign Richard Elton.	114
„ „	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Downs.*	„	Is still waiting for the brandy and further orders - - - - - - - - -	115
„ 11	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Wivenhoe.*	„	The ketch is launched, and he has 9 weeks' victuals, but men are difficult to obtain - - -	116
„ „	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Was at Orfordness all last week to obtain men, but did not get one; since being in the Roads, has procured what he wanted, as also some supernumeraries; is now ordered by Major Burton to stay for such as he has pressed, and to convoy some vessels to the Downs.	117

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1655–6. Feb. 11	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. The Weymouth pink and Capt. Thompson have arrived from Holland with a fleet from the Maas; he chased and went between two men-of-war in Lowestoft roads, but did not succeed in taking them. Has such a life with the North Sea fishers that he must send Thompson with them as far as Newcastle, although their going to sea without a convoy may be their ruin, as they will be a prey to their enemies.	Vol. 133. 118
” ”	Capt. Jer. Country, *Roe ketch.*	”	Although his vessel was launched the end of January, she is not yet out of the shipwrights' hands; hopes to be ready in a few days, having 9 weeks' provisions on board; wants 21 men, who are difficult to be obtained.	119
” ”	John Culmer, *Deal.*	Navy Comrs	Desires order for the sale of some decayed boats lying upon the beach; they are not worth repairing, and the room they occupy is wanted.	120
” ”	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of ships at Deptford preparing for sea, the time they have been in rigging, wages, number of men in each, and officers wanting.	121
” ”	Thos. Johnson, Alex. Blowers, bailiffs, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	Send the names of men pressed for Capt. Bourne of the Swiftsure. Have also sent some volunteers who came in to Capt. Hayward of the Entrance, upon beat of drum, with some others that Capt. Ames had. A ship coming from Newcastle and some others in Southwold Bay have been taken by two Spanish men-of-war.	122
” ”	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	”	Has put 40 men on board the Winsby to secure them, and will endeavour to increase them to 50. There are as many more who have taken impress money, but cannot be found. Will recommence pressing in 3 or 4 days. Has not received any men from Southwold, but expects some from the northern parts daily. Several small vessels belonging to the enemy are seen on the coast daily.	123
” ”	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	”	Sends an account of pressed men received from the Cinque Ports, and of their disposal; is pressing more daily, but the arrival of ships in the Roads obstructs it. Sent Capt. Jno. Groves of the Pembroke to Yarmouth, for those in the custody of Mr. Burton and Capt. Mackey, and will distribute them as ordered. The squadron needs re-victualling and cleaning, so as to be able to destroy the Dunkirk and Ostend pirates infesting the coasts. Capt. Berry of the Nonsuch met 6 of them, 4 having from 10 to 12 guns each, and was forced to leave his convoy to the mercy of the enemy, and shift for himself, being upon the wind; but he had a skirmish with one of them for 2 hours, when she left him. Bread is much wanted, and the contract with the baker has expired. With note of ships in the Downs.	124–6
” ”	” ”	Blackborne.	Asks leave of absence for 2 months to go to Dartmouth to settle his affairs and recruit his health, having been in the service 3 years, and not more than 14 days with his family. Was forced to leave his estate in a very confused condition, and the greater part being in shipping, his partners have not rendered him an account of the losses and gains, particularly in the Newfoundland voyages, and there are other matters requiring his attention.	127

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1655–6. Feb. 11	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Supplied Capt. Gethings with 54 men, besides supernumeraries; distributed 19 amongst other ships, and has 95 left, whom he will retain for fitting out the ship.	Vol. 133. 128
„ „	Ralph Rountre, *Amity, Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Desires a warrant as minister of the Amity, having served the State for several years, and been in all the great engagements against the Dutch.	129
„ „	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Norwich Frigate.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to come in to clean and revictual; has been on his station five months, and is not in a condition to chase the Dunkirk pirates who are invariably very clean.	130
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	„	Received their orders, and having 290 men on board, will proceed to Portsmouth - -	131
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Being ordered to Portsmouth, asks an answer to his letters as to hiring a hoy to attend his ship.	132
„ „	Capt. Robt. Story, *Pelican, Stokes Bay.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Renews his request for a minister, and asks if he may engage one himself - - -	133
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the bond for the appearance of Theop. Scott before them. Has recovered the anchor and cable lost by the Augustine at the South Foreland; those who found them demand 40*l.* Desires the opinion of the Masters of the Trinity House thereon, as he conceives 10*l.* to be enough. Has a great anchor of 14 cwt. to dispose of, which was taken up in the North Seas.	134
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Wants the surgeons for the Kent and Taunton hastened down. Asks an allowance of 5*s.* a day to the persons who went with him into the counties, for their travelling expenses, &c.	135
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	The Portsmouth has come in with 49 pressed men from the islands; her commander had difficulties and affronts in getting them. Particulars of ships.	136
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Whitehall.*	„	Attended with the men who were engaged in pressing men at Redriff on the 6 inst.; sends their examinations, and will attend again to-morrow. The man whose hand was hurt is likely to lose the use of it, and he has 4 small children. Desires they will order the Watermen's Company to send down his men, as he hears they have been pressed. With depositions of Abra. French, Phil. Beard, and Jno. Wallis, that while at Redriff pressing men, they fell in with Thos. Price, who said he was boatswain to Capt. Thos. Smith there; upon taking him, they saw a woman, supposed to be Capt. Smith's wife, and as she did not know Price, they told him he would have to go with them to Deptford, and if he proved to be a boatswain, he would be released; whereupon he refused, seized a sword belonging to Wallis, and seriously wounded him in the hand. Deny that they were drunk, as they only had two dozen of beer between 14 of them during the day.	137–9
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Winterton Road.*	„	Came from the Humber with 260 pressed men and volunteers, and having only 9 days' provisions, is forced to put them on short allowance, for which he has promised them pay on arriving in the Downs.	140

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1655–6. Feb. 11	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received 24 men from Capt. Dove, and has delivered them to Capt. Willoughby at Portsmouth; is about convoying vessels for Guernsey and St. Malo.	Vol. 133. 141
" "	Rear-Adm. John Bourne.	Blackborne.	Recommends Hen. Cooper, cook of the Assistance, for employment in one of the two second-rate ships building.	142
" "	Capt. Richard Cowes, *Paradox, Dublin Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order to sail from Chester to Barnstaple, but the wind shifting at Holyhead, put over for Dublin; will resail with the first wind.	143
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will give all dispatch to the Nantwich and Assurance, take the examinations respecting the false tickets issued by Capt. Jeffries and his purser, and procure what seamen he can; supposes Col. Rouse and the gentlemen employed in the west will do the same; after the Phœnix, Jersey, and Foresight are completed, will send the rest to Portsmouth. Has sent the Sapphire and Constant Warwick to ply at the mouth of the Channel, having heard that several men-of-war have left Sebastian's and may annoy our trade about that station. Will go to Dartmouth to-morrow, and attend to the press warrants, also the apprehending of the men who refused to appear when warned, and return the Admiralty Commission for landing and selling the goods in the pretended Zealander. The Merchants' Delight of London has arrived from Smyrna, with 800 bales of silk, valued at 15,000*l.*	144
" 12	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships. Would have attended upon them but is unwell, and has not been abroad for 6 days.	145
" "	Capt. Jo. Simonds, *the Jersey, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has nearly completed his complement of men, and as he wants a chaplain, recommends Dan. Peall, who was with him in the last voyage.	146
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell.	"	Recomends Steven Marshall for the gunner's place in the Little President	147
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Augustine at Woolwich, lately arrived from the West Indies	148
" "	"	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting the Wren and Cat pink for service in the Channel	149
" "	"	"	Order for 50 men, 12 guns, taken from the Bresters, and victuals for the Griffin	150
" "	"	"	Order for a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for 56*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, disbursed by Major Elton at Hull	151
" "	"	"	Order for a bill to Fras. Nelson, minister of the Newberry, for 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, on account of the pay that shall grow due by the groats of his ship.	152
" 13	"	"	Order for victualling the Nonsuch for 4 months for 130 men, she being appointed for service in the Channel.	Vol. 134. 1

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1655–6. Feb. 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill of imprest to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 3,500*l.* a week for 8 weeks, to enable him to carry on the business of victualling.	Vol. 134. 2
„ „	„ - -	Claudius Brussells.	Warrant appointing him minister of the Unicorn for the present expedition, with the usual allowance of wages and diet for himself and servant.	3
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Expected to have to send Capt. Thomson with the North Sea fishers as far as Newcastle, but has since had a meeting by beat of drum of all the owners, before himself and the bailiffs, at the Common Hall, when it was agreed they should wait 10 or 14 days, to allow him to move the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint them a convoy to remain with them; as they number 80 sail, one ship will not be able to protect them from the enemy, although he might do his best. The Pembroke has arrived for the pressed men, but they had been put on board Capt. Ames. Is getting more daily, but forced to keep them in custody upon the usual allowance for victuals.	4
„ „	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received nearly all his provisions, but cannot came up from fear of losing his men, the General having taken 15 already; begs the order to sail northward.	5
„ „	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends particulars of the sea stores and provisions left behind by the boatswains and carpenters of the ships lately fitted out at Deptford.	6
„ „	Capt. Anth. Earning, Capt. Rich. Stayner, *the Bridgewater, Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed for the Downs on the 10th by order of Gen. Blake, but is compelled to come to anchor through the thick weather.	7
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Desire him not to forget to send a chaplain, also a proportion of fish for sea victuals - -	8
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has shipped 54 men on board the Winsby, and she will sail to-morrow; will put the rest of the pressed men as they arrive into the Pembroke; but as she wants victuals, fears she will be forced to leave before the impressing is finished. The Advice has arrived bound for the Downs with impressed men, and the Greyhound has gone southward to clear the coast. Has not yet received one man from Southwold.	9
„ „	Stephen Skewes -	Col. Clarke.	Desires an answer to his petition and certificate for employment. Was clerk of the check in the Satisfaction; was maimed while serving under Gen. Penn; has been disengaged 4 months and has a considerable family to maintain.	10
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Pelican is burnt down to the water through the carelessness of the boatswain and steward -	11

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1655–6. Feb. 14	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has seen the wreck of the Pelican. The fire began at 4 p.m., but she did not blow up until 9, which seemed strange, the fire beginning so near the powder room; her cables being cut, she drove ashore clear of the ships. Particulars of the damage done. As it arose through the carelessness of the yeoman, has put him in irons on board the Maidstone until further order; the remainder of the men are in the Diamond and ashore, and having lost their clothes, are in a deplorable condition. Has given order for supplying them with victuals. As the Hampshire is fitting out, suggests that they and their captain (who was absent when the fire commenced, but subsequently came on board and remained to the last) should be turned over to her, as they are unwilling to be separated from him. Sends the depositions of 4 of the officers of the Pelican as to the cause of the fire; has ordered a hoy to lie near the wreck, and will take care to save all he can.	Vol. 134. 12–16
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Story, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Regrets to report that at 4 p.m. on the 13th, the yeoman of the boatswain's store room in the Pelican, having been down with a candle, and putting it out carelessly, the smut took hold and broke into a flame amongst the sails and cordage adjoining the powder room, and the ship was burnt. Is too full of grief to enlarge further, not that he laments his own loss, which is at least 140*l.*, but the loss of the ship; it is the act of Providence, and desires to kiss the rod and him that appointed it.	17
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to contract for the hire of a ship to carry the remainder of the provisions for the fleet, the Marigold and Hope flyboats not being able to receive them.	18
,, ,,	Lieut. Wm. Fowler, *Portsmouth.*	Katharine Fowler, his mother, *the George, Paternoster Row.*	Has given his father an account of the late sad disaster; the Commissioner at Portsmouth and also the captain have sent the Admiralty Commissioners full particulars. Was absent himself, which he much regrets; hopes to see her next week. Thinks the captain will have the command of the Hampshire.	19
,, ,,	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Receipt for 80*l.* from Capt. Nic. Terricke for stores purchased by him which had been embezzled from the State.	20
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Received their packet with other letters, and will observe their orders as wind and weather present.	21
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a statement respecting stores required for some ships arrived at Portsmouth incomplete. When in London, had a warrant for a glazier and his man to repair the glass in the fleet, but he has not appeared; desires he may be hastened down, and Capt. Alderne may have notice that the Nonsuch is ready to victual. Repair of ships.	22
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	,,	Particulars of ships fitted out at Deptford and sent to Portsmouth, which were deficient in their complement of stores.	23

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1655–6. Feb. 14	Jno. Poortmans -	—	Account for 26,078*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* prize money received by him for pay of the fleet and other disbursements; list of commanders of ships whom he paid, with the amount given to each; and account of disbursements for travelling and other charges incident thereto.	Vol. 134. 24–26
„ „	Robt. Stileman, clerk to the late navy victuallers, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs him to obtain an order to the Navy Treasurer to pay two bills long since due, otherwise they may wait to their sorrow.	27
„ „	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	„	Thanks him for speaking to Mr. Creed to take his kinsman as clerk; but as Mrs. Carteret, his sister, says that he has preferred the sea for the boy simply that he may lose his life and break her heart, has desired Mr. Creed to provide another man. Had he a child fit for so good a master, would look upon it as a mercy; but having to do with wilful people, is forced to do that which he is ashamed of, and to crave pardon.	28
„ „	„ „	Rich. Creed, Secretary to the Generals.	Thanks for accepting his kinsman, Thomas Andlaby, as clerk; but as his sister, Mrs. Carteret, who is the young man's aunt, is much opposed to his going to sea, desires he will procure another man and pardon the trouble.	29
„ 15	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Unicorn, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Is still waiting for his powder, the stores from Chatham, and a glazier; would otherwise have sailed with the Winsby and Swiftsure.	30
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Countrey, Rich. Countrey, *Wivenhoe.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Tried to get all ready to be sent down from London, and came to Wivenhoe, where they found both the Roe and Hind on the stocks, and having much work to be done, but they have since been launched; have been engaged in pressing men and getting provisions on board.	31
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letter to Mr. Drake. Hull and the parts adjacent may afford 200 able mariners upon a press, but not more, there being so many ships leaving the port whose men were pressed in London. Thanks for their ordering him the money upon the bill of exchange.	32
„ „	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is much vilified by his clerk of the check, who was charged with perjury, theft, and drunkenness, and has been absent without leave for 5 months; being so far distant from his friends, cannot right himself; hopes he shall not be prejudiced thereby.	33
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Cannot but admire Capt. Lawson's actings, seeing he went so far and then retreated; fears he has been biassed by those who do not wish well to the present public transactions. A vessel of Barnstaple has come in which was taken by a Brest man-of-war and retaken by the Sapphire. Has seen his (Blackborne's) brother, who is doing his business carefully. Will go to Barnstaple next week. Desires he will move the Commissioners to allow Capt. Stoakes to sail to Plymouth and remain a few days, as he has urgent business there.	34

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1655–6. Feb. 15	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their commission and instructions for Capt. Taylor, and has written him to hasten in with the men he has obtained. The seamen at Dartmouth and thereabouts keep together in numbers to prevent the constables securing them; 200 have engaged to go to Newfoundland and serve in the fishery. When there, perused some papers found in the ships lately seized, which clear up the State's interest to the goods claimed on behalf of the Dutch and the Jews of Amsterdam, as they were laden at Ostend for Spain. The storekeeper has inspected 551 barrels of powder in the fort, castles, and town, which is mostly good. Has sent press warrants to Barnstaple, and will hold a meeting there on the 22nd, and another at Bideford on the 23rd; if he cannot do all the work within that time, will get Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tooker to finish it. Recommends officers for the Griffin.	Vol. 134. 35, 36
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Have heard the difference between Thos. Broome, of Dover, and the late navy victuallers, touching money disbursed by him in defending, by order of the navy commissioners, the State's title to houses and lands belonging to the navy at Dover, called the Maison Dieu, granted to him by the Navy Commissioners. Also concerning money due to him for beer delivered to the said victuallers; and also a letter from the Navy Commissioners, to whom Broome's petition was referred. Think that the petitioner ought to be allowed his disbursements in defending the State's title, and that the Navy Commissioners ought to adjust the account, and distinguish what part was laid out before the late contractors entered the victualling office, and what has been expended since. See no cause why the victuallers refuse to pay the moneys due for beer delivered for the navy, on account of his non-payment of rent until the account is adjusted; if any money is due to the victuallers for rent of the Maison Dieu, it is to be allowed them from the State.	37
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourey, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	Went to the bailiffs for the men they had pressed, but as they had been sent away in a ketch belonging to the Swiftsure, will hasten to Harwich to see if there are any there; and if not, will proceed to the Hope.	38
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Received theirs, stating that care would be taken for the defence of Lowestoft, but that they could not imagine why it should be needed. Went to Capt. Skeaper, who has the ammunition under his charge, and who stated that he had order to fetch it from thence, and could not redeliver it without order, but he has since delivered 40 shot and ½ a barrel of powder; encloses an account of the ammunition in the garrison at Great Yarmouth. The bailiffs of Southwold have not done their duty, but the parts adjacent should not fare the worse. As a justice himself, he will take what care he can for the security of the country. The captain of the Pembroke could not go after the pirates in Packfield Bay for want of his boat. Will keep Capt. Tompson in the road to look after them, the Winsby and others having gone with the ship with spirits for the Downs. The gunner of the garrison being dead, recommends Thos. Staperton, late gunner at Lyme Regis, to succeed him, being known to General Desborow. As Captains Allen and Groves have been on half allowance for want of provisions, asks if he shall give them tickets. Sent 70 pressed men, and 20 or 30 volunteers in the Winsby, and is getting more daily, whom he will put in the Greyhound. The fishers are still waiting for a convoy.	39

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1655–6. Feb. 15	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has put 70 men in the Winsby, and will put 40, and any more that may arrive, in the Greyhound. Capt. Ames has 20 supernumeraries. The Pembroke could not stay for want of victuals. Will send the examinations concerning the bailiffs of Southwold.	Vol. 134. 40
” ”	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	”	Mr. White has promised to do all that is needful to refit and victual the Downs' fleet at Dover. Capt. Sacheverell has orders to repair there at once, and others will follow. The Rainbow, with the West India fleet, is still in the Downs. Desires leave of absence for 2 months, to settle an estate left him at Dartmouth.	41
” ”	Francis Renoldson, gunmaker.	”	Petition for an order for payment of 71*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* on account for arms delivered into the Ordnance Office in the Tower in Feb. 1654–5; with certificates of Jno. Hooker, Thos. Townsend, and Geo. Fisher, of the receipt of such arms.	42–44
” ”	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Being ordered by Major Thompson to obtain a hoy to attend the Rainbow, contracted with Jno. Hooke of Stroud, for his, at 32*l.* a month. Hears since that the Navy Commissioners have contracted with Capt. Tadwell for his; as Hooke is poor, and has been at great expense in fitting out his hoy for the voyage, has sent him up to treat, and desires the result may be sent to him in the Downs.	45
” ”	Ordnance Officers. -	Adm. Com.	Account of gunpowder received from makers named, and how many barrels were found defective upon proof.	46
” 16	Capt. Jno. Lloyd, *Diamond, Stokes Bay.*	”	Never signed any letter on behalf of Mr. Walley, or gave consent to any letter of recommendation, yet hopes some care will be taken for supplying him with a minister.	47
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Badiley for 200*l.* for his extraordinary disbursements in preparing for the present expedition.	48
” ”	” - -	”	Order for directions for building a storeroom in the Hope flyboat, to receive 500 barrels of powder for the fleet.	49
” ”	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a document received for their order thereon. With a little additional help, the two new ships in Deptford dock may be made serviceable. Advises sale of the useless ships laying there at charge, particularly at this season, when cordage is at such a price, and their stores begin to call aloud for a timely supply.	50
” ”	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Honger Road.*	”	Will execute their order for impressing 200 seamen, but could not sail sooner, on account of the badness of the weather, and having to wait for a ship loading timber to convoy her to Portsmouth; asks if he shall now press the men, or convoy the ship, when ready. Has already some volunteers.	51
” ”	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Margate Road.*	”	Left the Hope on the 14th with the Swiftsure and Ruby, and will prosecute their order when wind permits.	52

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1655–6. Feb. 16	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send a survey of seamen's clothes returned from 10 ships named, lately arrived from Jamaica, valued at 448*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* Asked Gen. Penn to appoint a person to join in the survey, but as he refused, appointed two themselves; will inform Vice-Adm. Goodson of the result. The best should be sold to the fleet now going out, and the remainder be sold by the candle, as the longer they lie the worse they will be.	Vol. 134. 53, 54
„ „	Hen. Pitt, mayor, and 4 magistrates of *Southampton.*	„	Nearly all the 30 men sent from Southampton to Portsmouth are in the State's ships in Stokes Bay; have a list of their names, many being ordered on board without appearing before Commissioner Willoughby; can understand why 6 only appeared before him. Since then, have impressed and sent down as many as the place would afford; have now 20 in custody, the justices 12, and others have been impressed miles off, and sent for Portsmouth; will procure as many more as they can.	55
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for procuring him leave of absence from the Commissioners; is willing to wait until the 1st of next month before taking it.	56
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Sends a list of the seamen received from the Cinque Ports. Cannot say how many were sent from Rye and the parts westward, they having been sent by the mayor of Dover, but has distinguished those received from him. The Nonsuch has gone as convoy to vessels bound for London; will order her to Portsmouth on her return.	57, 58
„ „	Thos. White, mayor, *Dover.*	„	Received 8 men and boys from New Romney, 8 from Lydd, 8 from Hastings, 10 from Tenterden, and 4 from Rye, but they were all landsmen, and had never been to sea. Ordered them to go in a boat to Capt. Plumleigh, but they went to Deal, leaving word they would go to Capt. Stoakes. The Rainbow's hoy also sent him 6 bushers and ditchers pressed from their work at Dinchurch; thought them worthy to lose their money for giving it away on that account. Has sent 18 pressed men from Dover and 20 volunteers, and when the General comes into the Downs, will send more. Has 130 men in the service of the State, and doubts not but to send more volunteers than pressed men.	59
„ „	Capt. John Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his favours; is content to wait the Commissioners' pleasure until a rendezvous is appointed. Is now at anchor, but will proceed to Portsmouth. Some ships have put into Margate Roads, supposed to be the fleet from the Hope, there being a flag ship amongst them.	60
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	Navy Com^rs	Desire order to the governors of Dover and Deal Castle for delivery of such powder they have fit for the ships as an extraordinary supply, and a warrant for sending 34 tons of shot to the Marigold.	61

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1655–6. Feb. 16	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has had his ship hauled on shore and tallowed, and hopes to be dispatched next week, although he has had to deal with some very refractory fellows. The constables of Gosport brought him one, named Wm. Himens, whom he has in hold for calling them all traitors, and stating that if the titular King of Scots had been there, or any of that rose, he would spend his blood for him. Informed the Commissioner at Portsmouth of it, but he will not interfere; will keep him until the Generals arrive.	Vol. 14. 62
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willougby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of ships. Mr. Newberry has only 150 barrels of powder in the stores fit to be shipped. Capt. Storey's appointment would facilitate the fitting out of the Hampshire; as his men desire to go with him, it would keep them together. Has ordered them 8*d.* a day for diet. They should receive some slight encouragement for the loss of their clothes. Has recovered 17 guns from the Pelican, 3 being brass, and a quantity of shot and iron work, and there are 5 more on board, 2 having blown on shore together with an anchor. Asked Mr. Coles to abate 10*l.* a mast of those from 34 to 28 hands, and 5*l.* a mast of those from 27 to 24, but he has not yet accepted this; thinks if 8 or 10 of the largest were left at Portsmouth, he would be willing to carry the rest to Plymouth into the bargain. Desires orders as to purchasing. With demand by Peter Coles for New England masts; the prices range from 10*l.* to 150*l.* for those from 15 to 34 hands. Also account of the number of men entered and mustered in 16 ships named at Portsmouth and Spithead, and account of the powder which 14 ships named at Portsmouth can stow besides their proportion.	63–66
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne	It is admired by all that the Pelican should have burnt for above 4 hours before she blew up, but when the report came, it was dreadful, as it broke windows 10 miles off, and blew off doors at Chichester, 14 miles off; one of Maj.-Gen. Goffe's troopers was sent from thence to know what it was. Is sorry for poor Storey, who is an honest man, much laments the stroke, and seems more sensible of the State's loss than his own, and it will be doing the State service if the Commissioners order him to the Hampshire, as the men are willing to go with him. Is sorry Vice-Adm. Lawson has deserted the service, being troubled when honest men leave it. With certificate by John Lovyl and Capt. Robt. Kirby, that Capt. Storey was on board the Providence on business when the fire broke out in the Pelican; that they took him to her in their boat, and that he remained on board to the last, most of her company having previously jumped overboard, whom they succeeded in saving from being drowned.	67, 68
„ 17	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Are daily disturbed by Dunkirk men-of-war, one of whom lay yesterday off the harbour's mouth, and chased a vessel, and another did the same within shot of the fort. There is a large fleet in the harbour bound for London, with butter, cheese, &c., but they dare not adventure without a convoy; as some of them have been riding there a month, desires a small vessel may be sent down for that purpose, also one or two to lie thereabouts and capture some of them.	69

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1655–6. Feb. 17	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Unicorn, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has received the powder and most of the stores from Chatham, and when completed, will sail. Has made no delay; knows they are often informed that ships are furnished when they are not. Is now compelled to use his sea stores, for want of supply by petty warrant.	Vol. 134. 70
,, ,,	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Langport, Majorca Road.*	Blackborne	Having been ordered by the General to ply off Majorca for 20 days, in company with the Diamond, Ruby, and Pearl, came from Leghorn; on the 13th met with two French men-of-war, one having 15 guns and 130 men, and after a little resistance, became masters of her; the other, having had her masts shot and being ready to sink, came ashore and surrendered. On survey, found she was formerly an English ship, named the Percie, and had 30 iron guns and 300 men; as her powder and provisions were spoiled by the water, sold her to the Spaniards for 3,000 dollars, and to transport the French to their own country. Is about sailing to the General, the time limited being expired; on his return, will look out for another man-of-war of 22 guns, which is about the coast.	71
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Grove, *the Pembroke, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Went to North Yarmouth for the impressed men, but hearing from Major Burton that they had been sent by the Winsby, returned with the Lily of Yarmouth under convoy; is now out of provisions through transporting impressed men for the fleet.	72
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	—	Account of the condition of ships named at Deptford and Woolwich - - - - -	73
,, ,,	Wm. Cahoret, of *St. Malo*, master of the *Sampson of St. Malo.*	Adm. Com.	Examination before Jno. Page, mayor of Plymouth. The ship belongs to himself and other Frenchmen named, who bought her of a Frenchman for 6,200 livres. Came from St. Malo with linen cloth for Cadiz, where he reloaded and received his freight; reloaded with hides, wine, fruit, three pegs of silver, and a bag of pieces of 8, and returned for St. Malo, but was forced into Lisbon, where he took in some sugar and tobacco on his own account. When off the Isle of Bass, was surprised and taken by Capt. Sparling of the Assistance, and brought into Plymouth, but threw all his writings and bills of lading overboard. Capt. Sparling took possession of the bags of silver and pieces of 8, as also of a packet of letters and other writings, and carried them to his own ship. The ship is very leaky, and if speedy course is not taken for her unlading, the goods will be spoiled.	74
,, 18	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Finds the Commissioners are offended at his not being in the Downs before. Was ordered, when at Harwich, to hasten to sea, to get men and as many supernumeraries as he could, and deliver them to the commander-in-chief in the Downs. When he left Harwich, wanted 45 men; kept on his station at Orfordness, sent an account, and used his utmost, both day and night, at sea and on shore, to get men. Still wanting 14 of his complement, went to Yarmouth Roads, where he had 30 volunteers and some pressed men; being required by Major Burton to stay for some pressed by Capt. Mackey, as also to convoy a vessel with brandy for the Downs, remained until the 15th, when he sailed with the Advice and Pembroke, and has now orders to go to Stokes Bay.	75

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1655-6. Feb. 18	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival of ships named, including the Winsby, with 86 pressed men from Major Burton and Capt. Mackey, and the Advice from the north with 140, making 226, of which the commander of the Naseby wants 100, and the rest will be distributed in Gen. Blake's fleet.	Vol. 134. 76
" "	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, the *Norwich, Dover.*	"	Convoyed some vessels from Dover for Dieppe and Newhaven, but was forced back to the Downs, where he received their order to return to Dover to refit; will use all dispatch.	77
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Comrs	Is refitting the Norwich, and hopes to get her out the next spring tide.	78
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Desires an order to repair his house in the yard; it will only cost 5*l.* or 6*l.*, being little more than half a year's rent. Is sorry to put the State to any expense, his time being so short, but it is a matter of necessity.	79
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Falmouth.*	"	Turned over 70 pressed men to the Fagon, and then went to Falmouth for 70 more impressed by the governor of Pendennis. Has made up his own complement of 100 out of the merchantmen, and hopes to be at Plymouth by Thursday.	80
" "	Ordnance Officers.	Adm. Com.	Account of powder sent in since 1 Aug. 1653, and of money paid to powder makers named, for 5,002 barrels of powder, total 4,308*l.* 13*s.* 11½*d.* Account of barrels proved at Windsor Castle, 542 good, 232 bad. Also of 541 barrels proved at Dover Castle, and 300 at Deal Castle.	81–84
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *King's Lynn.*	"	Convoyed some vessels by order of Major Burton from Yarmouth to Lynn, where he received their order for impressing men; but they, having notice of his arrival, fled into the country; has issued warrants to the head constables of every hundred within 18 or 20 miles to search for and bring them in, and the mayor, and Justice Joshua Green have taken much care and pains in the business. Has pressed 20, and expects more. As he will want provisions for them, desires an order to obtain them or to take up money. Has received 10*l.* of Mr. Greene and given him a bill.	85
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	To similar effect	86
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is perplexed with the late dispensation of the loss of the Pelican. Has hinted a word to the Commissioners about the lieutenant, and as he was absent on leave, there will be no doubt of his continuance; will supply him with the 5*l.* when he arrives. Capt. Blake has spoken to him about Norwood, his chaplain, who may be disposed of in one of the ships at Portsmouth; shall be glad when they are all in the Downs.	87
" "	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	"	Desires he will present a petition to the Admiralty Commissioners respecting Thos. Bishop, a boy, who has been pressed into the Unicorn, whereas he belongs to the boatswain of the Sampson.	88
" "	Roger Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Begs employment. Was purser in the Pelican, and by the fire has lost 150*l.* in money and clothes.	89
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To similar effect. Asks the place of purser in the Hampshire	90

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1656–5. Feb. 18	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	List of 4 ships in rigging wages at Deptford, preparing for sea, with the number of men on each.	Vol. 134. 91
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has no Brest men-of-war to fit out to attend the fleet as advisers, as ordered by His Highness and Council. The last two were taken by the Nightingale and Fagon, and belonged to St. Sebastian's, and are not fit for the service mentioned; but there is one taken by the Fagon a few weeks since which belonged to Port Lewis, and might be made fit. She was lately sold for 50*l*., but the purchaser does not know what to do with her. Another of Port Lewis taken to Falmouth might be fit for the purpose; will send for her. Is sorry for the loss of the Pelican, and will give strict charge to the officers of ships to be very careful. The Sapphire has come in with damaged sails, through chasing a man-of-war with Spanish colours, which escaped through night coming on.	92
" "	Jas. Hind, *Hawk, Gravesend.*	Col. Clarke.	Has come in safely with the gunner's stores, although at much hazard; as the Cat pink, of which he was formerly gunner, is getting ready for sea, asks for the command of her.	93
" "	Wm. Lucas - -	Adm. Com.	Asks the master's place in the Nonsuch, having so served in the Heartsease under Capt. Thomas Wright, whose certificate he long since sent, with a petition for employment.	94
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	"	Sends his own deposition, and those of Jno. Welles, Wm. Turner, and Fras. Shipdam, taken before Robt. Robins and Jno. Albertson, bailiffs of Great Yarmouth, that they went to Southwold to press men, put up at the Lion there, and sent to Warren and the other bailiffs and constables to assist in procuring the men required, but they refused, and meantime all the men liable to press were either hid or sent out of the town, and although money was left in their hands to pay their charges, they have not procured a man, and caused one of the soldiers to be arrested on a false charge. Has obtained 40 or 50 out of the country, and put them on board the Greyhound, and expects more daily.	95–98
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Cox & Co., for 445*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., according to a bill of exchange enclosed, and place it to the account of Capt. Wm. Crispin and the rest of the Commissioners in New England who drew it.	99
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting and victualling the Advice at Harwich for 4 months - - - -	100
" "	" - -	"	Order to consider, and if necessary provide a shallop, two grapnells, and 6 hooks for the Old Warwick fire ship, commanded by Capt. Browne, as also for the other fire ships, and give directions for their speedy dispatch.	101
" 19	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, Judge Advocate of the Fleet, for 6*l*. 1*s*. 6*d*. for his journeys to take examinations relating to the fleet.	102
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Mainwaring for 210*l*. according to a bill of exchange sent, and place it to the account of Capt. Wm. Crispin and other Commissioners [in Jamaica].	103
" "	" - -	"	Order for suspension of the wages of Rich. Day, late clerk of the check of the Basing, until further order.	104

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1655–6. Feb. 19	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Fairfax, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has all his stores on board, but wants men, having only 130, of which 25 are soldiers; hopes they will be sufficient until he arrives at the rendezvous in Stokes Bay. Desires order to go to Plymouth, where many are waiting him. Begs that no watermen may be sent down, as very few are fit for service, and they have too many of them already.	Vol. 134. 105
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs help for Capt. Daniel in presenting his petition to the Commissioners, and a word in his favour, as they are much pinched, having made a miserable bad business.	106
„ „	Jno. Brett, *Custom House, Chester.*	Adm. Com.	Received their letters for Capt. Alex. Farley of the Basing, and Capt. Cowes of the Paradox; but as they had sailed from Highlake for Dublin, has sent them to the postmaster there.	107
„ „	Rich. Browne -	—	Account of provisions delivered to the Paradox, amounting to 112*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* - - -	108
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Countrey, *Roe ketch, Wivenhoe.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the muster book. Has taken in 9 weeks' provisions, and will sail to the Downs for further orders.	109
„ „	Jno. Gough, *of Ratcliffe, Stepney Parish.*	Gen. Desborow.	Sends his deposition touching the finding of a wreck off the Land's End by Capt. Jno. Lambert of the Lion, on his return voyage from the West Indies. Capt. Lambert put several men on board of her to pump her out, but they abandoned her and returned on board, whereupon a protest was drawn up, and deponent with several others was ordered to take charge of her and her lading, and make for the first port they could gain; succeeded in bringing her to Dartmouth, where her goods were landed and sold. Does not know her name, and there were no papers left, but believes that she is Dutch built, and belonged to Frenchmen, and that she had been in a fight, as she had many shots in her; her tackle was cut to pieces, the ship rifled, and the chests had been staved in and emptied. As her lading has realized the State 1,500*l.*, and he has expended 50*l.* in attending on shore since Aug. last, hopes it will be allowed, and the command of some ship bestowed upon him, as recompense for his trouble and loss.	110, 111
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Comrs	Has been too fully occupied to send the account of disbursements in carrying on the affairs of the navy. To enable him, however, to pay part of the money taken up, has charged a bill for 600*l.* on the Treasurer, and hopes it will be met. The Foresight and other ships named are manned, and the Nightingale has gone to Falmouth for more men. Is going himself to Barnstaple to procure what he can. Hopes in a few weeks to be freed from further pressing, as nothing is more troublesome or has more clamour attending it, and most of the Newfoundland ships are detained by it.	112
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Is going to Barnstaple to-morrow for men, and will also arrange with those to go with Capt. Blagg. Has ordered Capt. Elliott to fetch the Brest man-of-war he lately took from Falmouth, and then proceed to Dartmouth for men, as believing the press is now over, they flock there to get to Newfoundland. Sends informations of the gunner and steward's mate of the Nantwich, and examinations of Capt. Jefferies and his purser.	113

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1655–6. Feb. 19	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed some vessels to St. Malo by order of Capt. Hatsell, and waits orders - -	Vol. 134. 114
” ”	Ordnance Officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Desire he will present to the Admiralty Commissioners the petition of the bearer, a poor widow, whose husband was burnt in the Crane yesterday, she being an object of charity.	115
” 20	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The fishers are still waiting for a convoy, to the great prejudice of their families at home, who want victuals; offered the captain of the Pembroke money to get victuals, if he gave him a bill payable at London, but he refused, and has gone to the Downs; as Capt. Thompson has but 5 days' victuals, will supply him with sufficient to carry him there. Sends a petition from the officers of the Greyhound that the master may have the command, he having been in 5 engagements, and been master of 3 of the State's ships. Is getting men daily; asks when to forbear pressing.	116
” ”	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Harwich.*	”	The bailiffs had not pressed any men, as there was no ship to put them in, and although he told them he was ready to receive them, they have not yet sent any. There are a great many vessels bound to the river, but they dare not go out for fear of being taken, there being many small ships on the coast.	117
” ”	Christ. Jarratt, Jno. Key, bailiffs, *Scarborough.*	”	Desire some frigates may be sent to ply upon the coast, or trade will be obstructed. It is reported that there are 16 men-of-war upon the coast, who boast that they have sent home 30 prizes in 8 days, and would have taken many more had not timely notice been given. A large number of ships in port dare not venture out for fear of these pirates.	118
” ”	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Downs.*	”	Has taken on board 20 butts of the brandy from Yarmouth, and ordered Capts. Dare and Wilkes to take in 13 a-piece, and will sail with the first wind.	119
” ”	Edw. Pateson, *Plymouth.*	”	Understands by Comr. Hatsell that they are dissatisfied with the ticket he sent from the clerk of the Nantwich, and that they wonder he meddles with any more tickets, seeing he was told not, and promised to comply. Was subsequently, however, told by Capt. Hatsell to help seamen, as also their widows, which he has ever since done, otherwise many would have perished; and when the Commissioner was in London, and men were discharged, they were forced to part with their tickets at half price, whereupon the mayor and magistrates of the town certified his services in helping them with money for their tickets, at 2*s*. in the pound, although he often paid 20*l*. in the 100*l*. himself. It is but reasonable that they may instruct whom they please to act for them until the Commissioners find another. Has saved the poor much expense and trouble in having to come up to London simply to receive the small amount due; if he is to cash any more tickets, asks what to deduct in the pound. As for the widows, he will act without charge, which will be no small matter to them, as without his help they might have lost all that their husbands got with the price of their lives; could bring many sad instances of that nature, but one word to the wise is enough.	120

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Feb. 20	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the liberty promised. Arrival of Gen. Blake's squadron. Sends an account of victuals ordered from Dover for their supply, and that of other ships in the Downs.	121, 122
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *Portsmouth.*	„	While off Portland, seized a Dunkirk man-of-war of 4 guns and 50 men, and has delivered her to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods at Portsmouth. Has 16 days' provisions, and received order from Commander Willoughby to take in 6 weeks' more, when he will hasten to the Downs.	123
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	To like effect; with particulars of other ships. Has agreed for the New England masts, and is to pay 400*l.* down. Asks whether he shall send the prisoners on board the Preston to the town prison, to save expense.	124
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	Asks what is to be done with the clothes put on shore from the Marston Moor, of which he sent an account months since. Wants a surgeon hastened down for the Hampshire; asks the present price for lead, and whether it is likely to continue.	125
„ „	Robert Sewell, *Chatham.*	„	Desires a speedy supply of Noyals and Ipswich canvas - - - - - -	126
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for 100 pressed men, bound for the Downs; as his victuals will be out in 7 or 8 days, desires order as to re-victualling when he arrives there.	127
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	„	Send account of the number of barrels of powder sent to 17 places named, total 4810 - -	128
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„ 21	Alex. Bernard, *Scarborough.*	Col Edw. Salmon, *Adm. Chamber.*	Formerly intimated that 3 pirates, suspected to be Spanish and Flemish, had taken 2 small colliers near Bridlington, since which they have ranged the coast daily, put several ships on shore, and took a new one belonging to the town, but the men saved themselves in their boat, and were so hotly pursued that they gladly left their boat and what was in it, and fled for their lives. Hears they have taken two or three more ships since. They are more venturous than the Dutch, as they keep near the coast and ply to and again daily, coming into the road, but not within shot. Has not seen any of the State's frigates on the coast since they came, but hears there is one in the Humber. His child is still very ill, and has risings and fits daily. Hears of one about 20 years of age that had the like, which Dr. Lee said were caused by a bladder of wind, and gave something that broke and cured it, but his child is so weak, and has used so many bitter potions, he hardly knows what to do.	1

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1655–6. Feb. 21	Navy Com^rs -	Adm. Com.	One of their number went to Deptford and Woolwich, and found the fire ships and the Marigold and Hope complete as to their hulls, but want of officers and men to see to their fitting will delay their sailing. They will not stow much more than their own provisions and stores. Have contracted for one ship which will stow 280 tons, and ask whether to freight another. Again suggest the necessify for a slight storehouse being erected near the water side at Woolwich yard for the reception of cables and cordage for the ships; it will only cost 300*l.*, and as the yard can find the timber, 200*l.* is the most that need be disbursed, and it will prevent much expense and waste. There should be an increase of workmen at Deptford, until the two new ships in the dock are launched, which may be done in 8 weeks.	Vol. 135. 2
" "	" - -	"	It was formerly the practice to bear masters on fireships, but there is no necessity, as other 6th rate ships, carrying a greater number of men, have none allowed.	3
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove*, *Cowes Road.*	"	Has been prevented from going to his station between Beachy and Dunose Point by want of men; only musters 40 when fully manned, and the smallest pirate that comes out of Ostend or Dunkirk has as many or more. As he had 50 allowed when on the Irish coast, desires that number now, whom he will endeavour to press, and then proceed to his station.	4
" "	" "	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Hopes he will fufil his promise of a removal to another ship by recommending him for the command of the new 5th rate frigate building at Deptford.	5
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	6
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order as to sheathing the James; particulars of her defects - - - -	7
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect. Wants a supply of trenails - - - - - -	8
" "	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Account of powder delivered out of the stores for Gen. Blake and Gen. Montague's fleet -	9
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to ascertain what money is due to the owners of the Green Dragon for freight while employed for the service in 1645, and what bills have been made out, and to whom; as also what part thereof is due to Mary, widow of Capt. Fras. Greene, who was slain in that ship.	10
" "	" - -	"	Order to confer with Capt. Alderne and the Ordance Officers as to what stores and provisions designed for the fleet going to sea remain unshipped, and to order them to be put on board the Marigold and other ships appointed for that purpose, and hastened to the Generals without loss of time.	11
" "	" - -	"	Order for the sheathing of the James in Chatham dock - - - - - -	12
" "	" - -	"	Order for engaging extra workmen to complete the new ship building at Deptford, that she may be finished by the end of March.	13
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to Robt. Howse, minister of the Unicorn, for 10*l.* on account of his pay	14

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1655–6. Feb. 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to contract for the freight of such further shipping as, upon conference with Capt. Alderne, shall be found necessary for transportation of the stores and provisions that are to be sent with the fleet going to sea, which cannot be stowed in the Marigold, Hope, and the merchant ships already taken up.	Vol. 135. 15
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to enter Jos. Blow as principal mate and assistant in the Resolution, with the pay of a master of a 3rd rate, as an experienced person is required.	16
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the building of a storehouse near the water side at Woolwich yard, for the reception of cables and cordage of ships that come in there, so as to prevent the great damage and spoil such goods daily suffer.	17
,, ,,	Capt. Andrew Ashford, *Hawk ketch, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received 64 pressed men, who were put on board the Greyhound by Major Burton and Capt. Mackey, and will sail to-morrow.	18
,, ,,	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	,,	Capt. Cowes of the Paradox having put in for provisions, referred him to Mr. Gauden's agent, but he refused to make a supply without order; knowing his presence at Barnstaple was of more import than twelve months' provisions, consented to disburse money for sufficient for two months; having shipped them he will be ready to sail. Sends the steward's indent, and the account, and asks from whom he is to receive the money.	19
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	There is great complaint made of the impressed men sent to Portsmouth from Yarmouth; some were young, but not under 16. Capt. Ashford, of the Hawk ketch, having arrived with a warrant for the pressed men, has put 64 on board; has detained Capt. Thomson to take in any more that may be obtained. Was forced to supply him with 14 days' victuals for 80 men, but it would have been but 7 days' for the pressed men and his own company.	20
,, 22	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Thought all the men he sent away were seamen, except the volunteers, as the captain left without leaving a receipt, doubts if some of the men were not changed, and not having time to procure clothes, they would not look such likely men as those well clad. There was some dislike of those he sent in the Rainbow, but they were according to the orders sent for impressing; believes the commanders find fault without cause, being opposed to the press, although the State could not otherwise be served at sea. Would rather have given 20*l.* to the poor than have been employed in pressing men in the town where he lives, as before he generally had the love of his neighbours, but has now odium. Has put 64 men on board the Hawk ketch, and will put any more obtained in the Greyhound.	21
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound.*	,,	The Hawk ketch has taken in 63 men that Capt. Mackey had put on board the Greyhound, which is to remain to receive 30 or 40 more that are expected. Is nearly out of provisions, but Major Burton promises a supply.	22

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1655–6. Feb. 22	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Is repairing the James; if there is any idea of employing her on foreign service next summer, she ought to be sheathed. Has passed a bill of imprest for 300*l.*, to enable the master joiner to pay his men's wages previous to being discharged, and written the treasurer to meet it; if he refuses, the men will come up clamouring, which will prejudice the service.	Vol. 135. 23
,, ,,	Wm. Dawston.	—	Certificate that, being in the small Guns' Office, while Messrs. Harris, Watson, and Carlisle were viewing Mr. Reynoldson's muskets, Messrs. Silk and Hodgkins came in, and objected to their doing so without order; but upon deponent asking Silk if he was offended, and he replying in the negative, they viewed them throughout, and Harris stated that when Reynoldson made them, he did not intend selling them at 10s. a-piece.	24
,, ,,	Dan. Ellinott.	Col Jno. Clarke.	Asks a lieutenant's place, or the command of a victualler or other ship, having so served many years.	25
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered the money at Dublin, and then came to Milford to victual, having been on half allowance and forced to drink water. The victualler declined at first to supply anything without their order, but has prevailed with him to do so until the order arrives.	26
,, ,,	Josh. Greene, *Lyme Regis.*	,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink has executed their commission for impressing seamen, and put to sea with 60 able seamen.	27
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Barnstaple.*	,,	Has received the press warrants, and will put them into execution; also received the returns from the constables of the several hundreds, but few seamen appeared fit for service. Has impressed 16, and issued warrants for apprehending those who have been warned and did not appear, and appointed for them to be brought before him, if apprehended by Monday, otherwise before Jno. Tooker, with whom he will leave the warrants. Will go to Bideford to-morrow, to receive the returns of the constables there, and hopes to receive a number of men also; will give the Captain of the Paradox his orders when he arrives. Intends being on Wednesday at Exeter, where he has appointed to meet Capt. Taylor, and will send his men into those parishes where the sailors bear more sway than the constables or inhabitants, which is the reason why so few have been apprehended. Hopes to be at Plymouth next Thursday or Friday.	28
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his letter and print; perceives there is some alteration made of the Prize Commissioners. If Captain Stone has promised that his (Blackborne's) brother shall remain as he is, he need not doubt it. Capt. Vessey having written that he had received 80 pressed men from Capt. Fox, and expected 60 more from Major Ceeley, when he intended to go to Plymouth, left word there to deliver him 30 more when he arrived, and for him then to go to Portsmouth; also wrote Mr. Willoughby there of his coming. Is glad to hear of the safe return of Gen. Desborow, and of the good health of his lady.	29

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1655–6. Feb. 22	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Lynn.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to the Downs with the first wind and deliver the pressed men to the commander-in-chief, but has only 10 days' provisions for 100 men, and has 50 pressed men on board. Expected more from the country towns, but they sent only a few; the majority were gained by himself and company. There are 16 ships ready to sail for Yarmouth and the Downs. A man-of-war of 16 guns chased a merchant ship into the Humber, and there are sundry other men-of-war upon the coast.	Vol. 135. 30
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to give directions for victualling the Greyhound at Harwich, as also for her cleaning if she has been off the ground 3 months.	31
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowrey, *Nonsuch* ketch, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is fitting out for his voyage with the fleet, and hopes to be ready next week. - - -	32
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Harwich.*	„	Had orders from Capt. Plumleigh, commander-in-chief in the Downs, to proceed to Harwich, to convoy some provisions for Dover; but meeting with a hoy laden with guns, powder, &c., for the Winsby in the Downs, and hearing she has applied for a convoy, will see her and the victualler to their destination.	33
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow, Downs.*	„	Desires leave to go to London to settle affairs; having taken up money at Hamburg, indented for provisions in the absence of his steward.	34
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Preston.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the Commissioners' order, and will hasten to the Downs, but wants men. The accusers of his boatswain are to be examined, and the man sent on shore. Wants duplicate tickets.	35
„ „	Capt. Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	„	Sends list of pressed men put on board the Nightingale at Falmouth and Plymouth, by Capt. Fox, governor of Pendennis, Major Ceely, sheriff of Cornwall, and Capt. Hatsell, Vice-Adm. of Devon. Capt. Hatsell is in the northern parts, trying to get more seamen. The Nightingale has arrived from Falmouth with 143 pressed men, and upon receipt of 30 more, will proceed to Portsmouth. The Fagon has brought from Falmouth the small Brester which she formerly took in there, and which is recommended by Capt. Elliott as a good sailer.	36, 37
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. Will order a survey of the wreck of the Pelican. Delivered Lieut. Fowler's warrant, and will consider what ship to put Mr. Norwood in.	38
„ 24	Samuel Blake, *Speaker, Stokes Bay.*	Navy Comrs	Sends an account by Abra. Woof of disbursements in pressing men, and desires payment. As they thought the account large, has taken off 9*l.*, which the twelve men should have had for their extraordinary pains for 15 days, being informed it was usual to give each man 1*s.* per day.	39
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Attended on the bailiffs of Ipswich for pressed men, and as they could not obtain any, sent up his boat, and in one night procured 10, but they were much abused by the townsmen, and the constables were afraid to assist; having since got 10 more, will sail for the Hope, and convoy 12 vessels with butter and cheese, who are afraid to go out without convoy, there being so many men-of-war upon the coast.	40

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1655–6. Feb. 24	Wm. Hill - -	Major Neh. Bourne, Navy Com^{rs}	Mr. Binck, the two young men's attorney, writes that their master, Mr. Flower, having been cast in the court at Guildhall two years ago, their indentures are void; supposes their wages will now be no longer retained.	Vol. 135. 41
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	The Weymouth has taken the pressed men, and is ordered for Holland with some large vessels that have long waited a convoy, and to bring back 30 waiting there. If he may then go to Ireland, 30 or 40 men and some volunteers would go with him.	42
„ „	Gen. Geo. Monck, *Dalkeith.*	„	Sends a letter from Capt. Farley and the officers of the Basing (stating that Jno. Newton acted as steward without warrant, and being very neglectful, whereby the provisions were spoiled, he was superseded by Jno. Fawcet, the clerk of the check, and he having given general satisfaction, they desire he may be appointed), and asks whether to give a warrant to Newton or Fawcet to be steward of the Basing. Hears also from the navy victuallers that they have adopted a course for supplying ships with provisions at Leith. Some anchors and cables should be sent there.	43, 44
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to certify what ships have been sold pursuant to their order, and what remain unsold -	45
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the refitting and setting forth of the George, James, Victory, and Vanguard, for present service, and for employment of as many extra workmen as may be needed, to give them quick dispatch.	46
„ „	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send the 500 pieces of 8 and 125 pieces of doubloons by Mr. Lodington to Portsmouth to-morrow unless he contradicts it, and as the party he bought them of will not abide their adventure to Portsmouth, or forbear payment but for 5 or 6 days, so the risk and payment must be performed by the General.	47
„ „	Capt. Andrew Ashford, *Hawk, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered 20 of the pressed men from Yarmouth to the General in the Downs, and 20 to the Unicorn, and has the remainder still on board.	48
„ „	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will observe their warrant. Progress of the works on the Marigold, which have been delayed by the weather.	49
„ „	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	„	Desires order to ship 60 tons of shot, as there is not sufficient timber to lade the ship - -	50
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Gravesend.*	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Went on board the several ships, but found most of their officers absent and business very raw, they wanting both men and victuals. To supply men, directed the boatswain of the yard to take the ordinary, both seamen and labourers; and as to victuals, gave order to the master attendant and other officers; if there is no want of victuals and a proper attendance of the superior officers, nothing can stop proceedings; will call at Chatham on his way home.	51

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1655–6. Feb. 25	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their order for tallowing the Advice, but she has not arrived. The Cornelian has come from the Downs to convoy a vessel with bread to Dover, and the Eaglet ketch is waiting for pressed men from the bailiffs of Ipswich. Sends an account of the provisions required for the stores.	Vol. 135. 52
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Wilkinson having arrived from Lynn, has put 60 pressed men on board. Will send Capt. Tompson as convoy to several ships bound for the Maas, not to go in, but to return forthwith, as there are others waiting, bound for London, who dare not sail without a convoy. Hears there are 30 English ships at the Maas in the same position. If they knew what need there is continually of convoys to serve all the north parts of England and Scotland, they would not let him be without at least two, for if there are any pirates about, the ships always send to him.	53
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	,,	To like effect. On Capt. Tompson's return, it would be well for him to go into the river to receive men, as there are 60 pressed who have received conduct money and never appeared. Is making out his accounts. Is assured that some of the men at Portsmouth complained of were changed, and his lieutenant will wait upon them next week. Has 9 men, some being officers, and all have been very active in the work.	54
,, ,,	John Culmer, *Deal.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sold the 7 decayed boats by the candle for 6*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, and asks how to dispose of the money.	55
,, ,,	Capt. David Dove, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been over the country, but only pressed 11 men, 4 of whom he has put in the Hopewell pink, and 4 on board Capt. Pley who is gone to Portsmouth with provisions. Left warrants with the mayors and constables to obtain as many as they could and send them to him at Weymouth; will send them on to Portsmouth as they come in.	56
,, ,,	John Greene, *Deptford.*	,,	Sends 4 accounts of ships at Deptford preparing for sea, and in rigging wages, and the number of men mustered on Jan. 21st and Feb. 4th and 25th. Will send similar accounts weekly until the summer fleet is gone.	57–60
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Mathias, Downs.*	,,	Has had a supply of provisions and beer from Dover, and waits a wind to follow their instructions.	61
,, ,,	Wm. Smith -	Jno. Davies	Has not hands to close his cables of 17 and 18 inches, and the Commissioners will not allow them, but require that his demands be made to them.	62
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Thanks for their letter respecting the hoy. Has sent the names of the pressed men put on board the Rainbow to Thos Whitton, omitting those who escaped; also an account of disbursements in pressing, convoying, &c.; desires he may take up the bills and receive the surplusage. The Generals are still in the Downs, but intend sailing, and the Rear-Admiral is off the North Foreland. Desires the leave of absence promised.	63
,, ,,	Captain Valentine Tatnell, *Little President.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Chris. Weeger, formerly mate of the Little President, for the place of master; he has been in a fire ship.	64

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1655–6. Feb. 25	Thos. Toll, mayor of *Lynn*.	Robt. Blackborne	Returns a letter of the 21st from the Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Robt. Wilkinson (acknowledging the receipt of his of the 18th, detailing his proceedings in pressing men at Lynn, and the assistance he received from the mayor and Justice Green, and directing him to sail to the Downs), as he has gone to the Downs with the pressed men.	Vol. 135. 65, 66
" "	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth*.	"	Forwarded his letter for Capt. Hatsell to Exeter, as he is in the north parts pressing men. Will get the little Brester from Falmouth fitted out by the time the officers arrive to take charge of her, and she will carry 4 guns which must be sent down; the other of 16 guns will take some time to refit. Has 110 masts of various sizes in store, and must leave it to others to judge whether they will be sufficient to meet demands.	67
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*.	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey by Jno. Tippetts, Chas. Thorowgood, and Jno. Lloyd, of the Pelican, which was so damaged by the fire that she had better be sold where she lies. Is sorry they misunderstood him as to tallowing the Portsmouth, as he only agreed to victual her before she sailed. The New England masts are not yet delivered. Cannot find Wood Rogers, and as the captain of the Newberry was provided with a mate, supposes he has returned to his home at Poole. The Nightingale has come in from Falmouth with 173 pressed men and 60 of her own, being men of all trades but seamen, which tends to no other end but to multiply charge. Has also received the gatherings of the south part of Sussex sent by 4 justices of the peace, viz., a tinker, quaker, two glass carriers, hatter, chairmaker, and a tanner, with his boy 7 years old, and so the mayor of Southampton supplies at all times, and thus the State is abused, the country oppressed, and many a poor man brought from his home to travel 100 miles or more without a penny in his purse.	68, 69
" 26	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Swiftsure*, *Downs*.	"	Details his services to the State several years, and being now uncertain as to his present capacity, or what allowance will be made for his services, desires to be enlightened.	70
" "	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Eaglet ketch*, *Hope*.	"	Has brought what men he could get at Ipswich, and will put them on board the ships. Had to press them himself, the bailiffs being afraid to act, and the townspeople much abused his men. There are 16 sail at Harwich who dare not put to sea on account of the men-of-war about the sands.	71
" "	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire*, *Plymouth Sound*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Has come in to repair his bowsprit, damaged in a storm - - - - - -	72
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance*, *Plymouth Sound*.	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented from getting his stores on board by the foul weather, but hopes to sail for Portsmouth next week.	73

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Feb. 26	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Lyme has 198 men, and is taking in her provisions, but her officers have not arrived, and the Bristol has 150 men and will sail to-morrow. The Eaglet ketch has come in from Ipswich with 25 pressed men which he will distribute between the Lyme and Bristol, and detain the ketch until further order. Will observe their commands on the arrival of any fire or victualling ships.	74
” ”	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	”	Sends a list of men-of-war in the Downs, with particulars of their victualling. Delivered their instructions to Capt. Allen, changed the useless pressed men for able seamen, and desired the commanders to furnish a list of the men they have. The Generals are getting ready to sail with the fleet.	75, 76
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a certificate on behalf of Jno. Crampton, his chaplain, and desires a warrant for him for that place.	77, 78
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note by the master shipwright as to the work necessary to be done on ships named, and wants a press warrant for 80 shipwrights and caulkers.	79
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor, Phineas Pett.	Navy Com^rs	If the repairs needed in the several ships appointed for foreign service are to be completed by the time stated, ask a warrant for warning or pressing 100 shipwrights and caulkers.	80
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent a demand for the stores required for fitting out the 4 second rate ships for foreign service, and if 50 or 60 workmen are sent from London, they may be ready by the middle of April. Has sent up the bearer to press that number if they approve, as it would be prejudicial to take them off the new ship building.	81
” ”	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of powder and shot supplied to ships named, as an additional proportion - -	82
” 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Winsby, Nantwich, and Assurance at Portsmouth - - - -	83
” ”	” - -	”	Order to prepare an estimate of the wages and debts chargeable upon the Treasury of the navy to 1 March next; as also of the charge for maintaining the navy up to 1 Nov. next.	84
” ”	Capt. Fras. Allen -	Adm. Com.	Sends the names of 19 pressed men on board the Advice who are not seamen. Pressed 72 himself, and the governor of Hull 70, making 142 more.	85
” ”	Capt. Math. Browne, *Old Warwick, Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a warrant for Wm. Hackett as master of the Old Warwick, he having seen much service -	86

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1655–6. Feb. 27	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Embargo is bad news for the fishermen but otherwise good; if they can only furnish one ship as a convoy for the North Sea fishers, these had better stay at home, as it would be impossible for one ship to take care of them when scattered. Capt. Tompson had gone as convoy to some ships for the Maas before the Embargo came, but ordered him not to go in there, and to return immediately. Cannot agree with Capt. Plumleigh that 70 or 80 of the pressed men were no sailors, but it cannot be expected that fishermen are as competent as able seamen, and it is easy for the captain to cast dirt in others' faces, and not press any men himself; does not desire such thankless employment. Captain Wilkinson's company want their wages, having been 19 months without, and he only had 5 days' provisions when he went to the Downs. Capt. Mackey is making up his accounts, and about leaving. Capt. Tompson desires Jno. Watling for his master and pilot.	Vol. 135. 87
,, ,,	Capt. Jeffery Dare, *Bear, Downs.*	,,	Has received 13 butts of brandy and 6 weeks' provisions from Dover, and is now under sail -	88
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exeter.*	,,	Has been to Barnstaple and Bideford, but could only get 24 seamen, they having fled out of the reach of the constables. Has issued warrants for their apprehension and appearance before Lionel Becker and Jno. Tooker, and will order Capt. Taylor, who has already secured 40, to assist them. Does not know what Lieut. Gough had from Capt. Pley for bringing in the derelict, but through his and Fortescue's unhandsome carriage, the goods will suffer to the extent of 100*l.*, and the most part are yet unsold; as Capt. Pley will shortly be in London, will order him to attend them thereon. Was daily annoyed by the complaints of the cook of the Nantwich against Capt. Jefferies and his purser; but upon examining the gunner, found matters were not as alleged by the cook. Will send his thoughts respecting the masts on his arrival at Plymouth.	89
,, ,,	,, ,,	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Is glad to hear the fleet is so forward, and will do his best to procure men and fit out the Bresters. Would have taken the information of the cook of the Nantwich on oath had he stayed, but having investigated the matter at Plymouth, conceives the complaints made against Capt. Jefferies and his purser arose principally from malice, although they were not altogether blameless.	90
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is perfecting his accounts, and will attend them next week and get what volunteers he can meantime. Is sorry so much fault was found with the men he sent, and such an aspersion cast upon them as being countrymen and ploughmen, when he is confident to the contrary.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	,,	The Generals have sailed with the rest of the fleet. Has received some more pressed men, and sends a list of them. Desires order to discharge some he has on board, as being useless. Renews his application for two months' leave of absence.	92; 93

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Feb. 27	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sailed from Spithead with two convoys bound for the Downs, by order of Comr. Willoughby; has since been plying on his station, and has now come in to refit. Met several Dutch, Swedish, and Danish ships in the Channel.	Vol. 135. 94
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Received a bill of imprest for 40*l*, which is all laid out; wants another, and an order for delivery of cordage and other stores for rigging the ships.	95
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*	"	As Capt. Gethings of the Newcastle died to-day, his ship is destitute of a commander. The Nightingale has arrived with some more pressed men, but they are mostly of such a nature that the captains will not meddle with them; yet as the fleet is expected daily, has kept them on board. Particulars of ships.	96
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for complying with his desire about Vice-Admiral Lawson; will be glad to see Vice-Admiral Badiley with the fleet at Portsmouth; it is daily expected. Capt. Gethings has not long enjoyed his new command, having died to-day. Is sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Pett. Shall be satisfied if he pays Lieut. Fowler's money to Mr. Hopkins.	97
" "	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Flushing.*	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh.	Sailed from Dover with his convoy for Flushing, and when at anchor in Blackenbury, 2 sloops full of men came amongst them, and would have boarded some of them had he not been ready with his boat and guns, but they followed him to Flushing. While there, 4 or 5 Ostenders came in with 6 prizes, whereupon he went with Capt. Groves to the Lords, to know the extent of their commissions, and whether they were authentic; could get no answer, but the Vice-Admiral and Capt. Hudson said they were of no force. There is a fleet there bound for Calais in company of Capts. Hudson and Bancker, one being richly laden with piece goods, and another with powder.	98
" 28	Capt. Jno. Grove, *the Pembroke, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 3 vessels for Flushing where some Ostend men-of-war brought in 4 English prizes; the masters of the prizes desired he would speak to the Lords there, as to what would be done with them. Went to Middleburg with Mr. Gill of Flushing, and asked the President to examine their commissions, as they were old and not authentic, which he promised to do and to decide the next day. Attended him again with Capt. Smith and Mr. Gill on that matter, as also respecting one of the masters of the prizes, who was kept prisoner on one of the men-of-war as security for 130*l.* for the release of his vessel; the President agreed to his release on their putting in security for the money, but alleged that the other matter was referred to the Lords, who would do what was right; has received no further satisfaction. There are some vessels there bound to Calais with powder; hears they will go through St. George's Channel.	99
" "	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is in the Road with 40 sail going northward the first wind, but left Mr. Blades behind at Hull, as also the surgeon's chest. There are 3 or 4 Yarmouth ships laden with salt and wine going for Leith, but there is not a State's ship to convoy them, and there are several Dunkirkers upon the coast.	100

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Feb. 28	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Comrs	It would have been better wisdom if Mr. Baylie had tried whether he had timber enough to load a ship before writing them, as he had enough to load 3. Baylie has brought up a ship that will carry 350 tons, but he will not find such a dead weight of timber like merchants' goods. Sent up an account of 108*l.* for carriage, but has since been stopped by the rains, save bringing up 17,000 trenails on horseback; hopes his hard travail for the last year will not be forgotten. When Messrs. Edgebury and others were sent down to survey the Forest, there were 100 trees to 1 now, or as some say 500 to 1, and no one dared to attempt what he has since done in felling and squaring, of which they will enjoy the fruits. Has sent an account of 700 loads, which is a wonder in these parts; the remainder, besides what he has now shipped, lies in the woods; will soon fall upon it if he can procure carriage but is forced to advance money for that purpose. Hopes they will view the timber sent, and are satisfied with his account of the money received up to the 8 of October last.	Vol. 135. 101
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	,,	Finds there is 2500*l.* 9*s.* due to him for disbursements for the navy at Plymouth, and as he has also to pay money in London received at Plymouth for the State's use, has charged a bill of exchange on the treasurer for 2500*l.* 9*s.* and desires an order for payment.	102
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Bristol has sailed from the Hope with 167 men, and was in danger of being fired through a candle being left in the carpenter's store room, but they put it out with little damage. The Lyme has arrived with 221, and the Convert fire ship with 22, but most of them are boys. Has paid the captain of the Eaglet ketch 4*l.* for impressing, as ordered.	103
,, ,,	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. Ayrie for employment as a purser; he was recommended by Commissioner Smith and Commissary Dobbins.	104
,, ,,	Thos. Wilson, *Dover Castle.*	Maj.-Gen. Kelsey.	Has prisoners sent in from a Dunkirk shallop, driven on shore near Hythe by one of the State's ships; as there is nothing allowed for such, asks how they are to be disposed of. The captain of the shallop had a commission to seize ships, and he, with 6 or 7 others, broke out of prison, but they have been re-apprehended and sent in. The fleet has sailed westward; hopes the Lord will bless their work as formerly.	105
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Send particulars of the supply of ordnance stores to the Winsby at Harwich, and the Nonsuch at Portsmouth, and of the survey of defective powder on board.	106
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Generals have arrived in the Road with the rest of the ships; will supply them with such sea victuals as they have expended, but will want money sent down, being quite out. Will appoint Mr. Norwood as chaplain to the Speaker; if she is furnished with one, he should be sent to the Maidstone or Diamond.	107
,, 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to ascertain what is due to Vice-Adm. Badiley for his 16th part in the Peregrine, and to give order for payment, he requiring money previous to going to sea, and alleging that his part amounts to 140*l.* Noted that a bill was passed for 142*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*	108

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Feb. 29	Prize Officers - -	Adm. Com.	Send an order of the Navy Committee of 3 Nov. 1652, to allow the commanders or pursers of ships receiving and keeping any Dutch prisoners on board sent by Gen. Blake from 6*d.* to 7*d.* a man per day. Have since then made the allowances directed, but as there is a continual demand for the same allowance to other than Dutch, desires the order extended to them.	Vol. 125. 109, 110
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the instructions for Capt. Best, who is waiting in the Roads for orders whether to receive Capt. Mackey's volunteers for the Thames, or to proceed to Harwich. Capt. Mackey having given a bill upon the Navy Treasurer for 100*l.*, desires he will see it paid at sight, as his own credit is engaged in it.	111
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Appledore Pool.*	Adm. Com.	On receipt of their order at Highlake, set sail, but was forced into Dublin, and then went to Milford for victuals; as the victuallers' agent refused to supply any without order, obtained two months' from Mr. Browne of Pembroke; then went to Mr. Beacher at Bideford, who ordered his ship into Barnstaple Bar. Has pressed 12 men, and delivered them to Mr. Tooker and Mr. Beacher, and will get what more he can. Wants some new sails, cables, &c.	112
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Asks a press warrant to obtain some watermen and others who have received press and conduct money, but never appeared. As several captains are about to sail notwithstanding the embargo, they should be made sensible of their contempt.	113
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Send a list of ships that have been sold by the candle; others mentioned should be similarly disposed of, as they are lying at great expense, and spoil.	114
" "	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	"	Sends letters from Capts. Groves and Smith, who have arrived from Flushing with 13 English ships under their convoy, by which they will see how the Zealanders favour our enemies of Flushing. Is not in a position to surprise the ships bound for Spain; wants an order to discharge the pressed men and boys that were refused by the Generals as incompetent. The Rear-Admiral and Judge Advocate send their best respects.	115
" "	St. J. Steventon, Jno. Dymocke, *Portsmouth.*	—	Estimate of the charge of provisions delivered into the State's stores between 1 Jan. and 29 Feb. 1655–6.	116
" "	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Was ordered by the Council of Ireland to convoy a Dublin vessel, richly laden, for St. Malo, but losing her company, she had to return. When victualled will sail again for the Land's End; as Lord [Henry] Cromwell expects some more treasure from England, some other ship will have to attend that service.	117
" "	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Milford Haven.*	"	Is washing and tallowing, and desires order for a supply of victuals. His clerk of the check left the ship at West Chester, without leave.	118
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will fit out the two small Bresters with all speed. Arrival and departure of ships. The stores require cordage, which cannot be procured under 45*s.* per cwt.	119
Feb.	Thos. Mathews, gunner.	"	Petition for employment as gunner, having long waited and been disappointed of a place in the little frigate at Deptford. With certificate by Robt. Moulton and 11 others of Redrith.	120, 121

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Feb.	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Accounts of musters on ships at Gravesend and in the Hope, 7, 10, 13, 15, and 17 Feb. - -	Vol. 135. 122–132
Mar. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for Capt. Alderne, navy victualler, to supply 5 ships named with such provisions at Milford Haven as they may need while guarding Ireland.	Vol. 136. 1
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Smith's ship at Holehaven having received her provisions, he has gone to London to attend the Commissioners. Will observe their commands respecting the fire ships, and supply them with provisions to carry them to the Downs or Portsmouth, but will want a warrant to press men.	2
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will ship the shot in the vessel that brings the timber. Has drawn a bill of exchange upon them for 180*l.*, payable to the Commissioners of Customs, and desires it may be paid and placed to his account towards fitting out the Wexford.	3
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Has shipped 50 tons of round shot in the Wexford for Thos. Newberry, storekeeper at Portsmouth, and sends the bill of lading; has received orders to send as much as he can to London. Begs that the bill of exchange for 65*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* drawn on the Ordnance Commissioners for disbursements therein may be paid.	4
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Spithead.*	"	Is waiting to deliver the pressed men sent on board at Falmouth. Has turned over 80, and expects an order daily from the Generals for disposal of the rest; when they are gone, will proceed to Plymouth to wash and tallow, unless otherwise ordered.	5
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has ordered the shipwright and master attendant to make another survey of the wreck of the Pelican, and Wood Rogers to attend the Judge Advocate to be examined about Capt. Jeffery. The Truelove has come in; while off Bredhempston, she chased 3 Dunkirk sloops who had taken 3 vessels belonging to that town, which she recovered; but the sloops being too nimble, got away.	6
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an account of cordage, yarn, and hemp, in the stores; little will be left by the time the fleet sails. The Generals have arrived with the ships from the Downs, and the Nantwich, Assurance, and Winsby from Plymouth; has orders to pay them, but has no money.	7
" "	Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	—	Estimate of the amount due to 21 persons named for provisions delivered into the stores at Woolwich from 1 Jan. to 29 Feb. 1655–6; total, 997*l.*	8
" "	Capt. David Dove -	—	List of seamen who have received press and conduct money; also receipts from captains for pressed men received on board 25 Jan.—1 March 1655–6.	9–17
" 2	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Went on board the Lyme near Holehaven, and found she had 259 men, with which she sailed for the Downs. Received their warrant for impressing, and appointed the master of the Convert to assist, but her captain and other officers are gone to London for the remainder of their stores.	18

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Mar. 2	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Could not sail to the Downs for want of bread, but will go to-morrow - - - -	Vol. 136. 19
" "	Capt. Jos. Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	A ship from the Madeiras reports that the Spanish fleet of 37 sail, with 1000 soldiers and some field pieces, is gone for the West Indies; as this news has come two several ways, it seems to be true.	20
" 3	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The captain of the Hawk asserts that the men he received from Capt. Thomson were able seamen, and that the Generals will have none but picked men. The northern fishermen are still waiting a convoy, and the masters are getting so discontented that they think of giving up the voyage unless a convoy is speedily appointed; as the fishery is the support of the town, which sinks as it sinks, hopes they will appoint one at once. Having had no order whether Capt. Thomson is to go to Harwich or come into the Thames with Capt. Mackey and the volunteers, is shipping the volunteers in the Greyhound for transmission thither. There are 30 English ships in the Maas, waiting a convoy. Capt. Smith of the Pearl has come in, having lost his boats and oars; is supplying him with others. Will deliver their letter for Capt. Allen when he arrives.	21
" "	" "	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	Sends a bill for 100*l.* from Capt. Mackey, payable to himself, for so much advanced by order of the Admiralty Commissioners; also another for 50*l.*, the expense of a boat, and desires payment.	22
" "	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Being ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to convoy some vessels from Rye to the Thames, begs leave to come to London on private business; asks a reply at his house, near the Plume of Feathers, Horsleydown.	23
" "	Capt. David Dove, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will continue levying men for supply of the ships until otherwise ordered, but prefers the command of some ship.	24
" "	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Spithead.*	"	Hears they are dissatisfied at not having an account of his proceedings since he came down. Has been fitting and victualling his frigate, and has been ready to sail the last 10 days.	25
" "	Capt. Jeffery Dare, *Bear.*	"	Has put in through contrary winds. Capt. Parke, off the Isle of Wight, spoke with a ship from the Canaries, which reported that a fleet of Spaniards had gone for the West Indies.	26
" "	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Falmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sailed out of the Downs with the Generals, as also the Convertine and Bear, and spoke a ship from Teneriffe, who reported that 28 sail of the King of Spain's ships came in there, bound for the West Indies, and took in 3,000 men from the Canary Islands. Capts. Wilkes and Dare present their compliments.	27

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1655–6. Mar. 3	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send estimates of the debts of the navy. With estimate of debts chargeable upon the Navy Treasurer to 1 March, 411,540*l.*; an estimate of the charge for wages and stores for the fleets, and supplying the stores from 1 Mar. to 1 Nov. 1656, 464,380*l.*; account of debts due by the Ordnance Office to 1 Mar., 42,213*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*; and an estimate of the charge to supply that office with stores to 1 Nov. 1656, 45,600*l.*; totals, 963,733*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*	Vol. 136. 28, 29
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Spithead.*	,,	Anchored in Breadhempston Road the 27th ult., and gave the town notice that he was ordered to lie upon the coast to secure their trade, and that the Weymouth was lying off Shoreham, to convoy vessels to the Downs; 5 vessels in the road bound for London, supposing he had come to press men, sailed in the night, and next day were taken by 3 pirates in Whitehaven Road; hearing thereof, went in pursuit, and recaptured them, but the pirates escaped after a long chase. Has orders from Gen. Blake to convoy some vessels for St. Malo, and then return to his station.	30
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *the Bristol, Margate Road.*	,,	Has been prevented from sailing for Spithead by contrary winds. Had a fire in the cabin, through the carelessness of the carpenter's boy, who set fire to some white oakum, but it was quenched without much damage. Wants a minister.	31
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Comrs	As there is great occasion to use the Henrietta in convoying vessels with powder between the Hope and Chatham, desires they will forward the enclosed application to the Ordnance Officers to supply her with powder and other ammunition; with a list of the remains of stores on board of her damaged.	32
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs he will forward an enclosure. Received 5*l.* from Nich. Tong, carpenter of the Triumph, soon after the Admiralty Commissioners left, and supposing they intended it, with the other 5*l.*, for distribution amongst the poor blind people in the hospital, disposed of 7*l.* thereof accordingly; if that is objected to, will pay 5*l.* into the Treasurer's Office, and bear the loss of the remainder himself.	33
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the Advice 14 days' victuals from Dover, to complete her 2 months, and she will stop at the Humber on her way to Hamburg. Out of 68 pressed men on board, has taken out 30 as unfit for service, and will return them to Yarmouth by the Dartmouth, which is ordered to convoy to the Downs several vessels delayed by the embargo. Thanks for leave of absence, and recommends his lieutenant for the temporary command. Has directed the commanders of the squadron to keep their officers and men on board, so as to be ready to oppose any that assault them, and has ordered Capt. Rich. Country, of the Hind ketch, to ply upon the coast. Particulars of ships.	34
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the bill of lading for the shot put on board the Wexford. Begs payment of his bill of exchange for disbursements in relation thereto.	35, 36

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655–6. Mar. 3	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has arrived on his station, and will do his best to surprise the pirates infesting the coast and injuring trade. Wants a new mainmast; as also to wash and tallow.	Vol. 136. 37
„ „	St. J. Steventon -	—	List of 11 ships fitted at Portsmouth, and when they began rigging wages - - -	38
„ „	Jno. Upton, Mar. Hildesley, *Custom House, London.*	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from Jno. Elleston, collector of Customs at Lyme, acknowledging an order respecting tidesmen, which he will observe. Notwithstanding the embargo, Rich. Webber, a surly, purse-proud fellow, has sailed with a Flemish vessel containing English hides, without acquainting the Custom House authorities. He is the person whom Capt. Smith was sent down to look after last summer.	39, 40
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs	Has supplied the ships in the Downs, those bound for Jamaica and those under Gen. Blake, with necessaries, value 100*l.*, and trimmed the Nonsuch and other ships. Hopes they will pay his bill of 200*l.* to the Dover post; will wait on them with his accounts, at quarter day.	41
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Downs, with 2 others, on the 27th ult., and has been forced in, with others bound for the Straits, &c., by foul weather. A ship from the Canaries, bound for London, reports that 38 of the King of Spain's ships arrived there and took in 3,000 men, and then sailed for the West Indies.	42
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Preston has sailed for the Downs. Will pay the Assurance, and hopes money will be sent for the other two, as also to pay the tickets. The State is much injured by pressing men and boys not fit for the service. Has nothing to object against the person appointed master of the President fire-ship.	43
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Sends account of bills made out, and of provisions received into the stores. As they are continually supplying the ships in the river, will require a recruit, or money to purchase, or cannot do much; several ships are being spoiled by long riding there. Sends an account of ships fitted out there, and the time they were in rigging wages.	44
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for fitting out the Great President, Expedition, and Nicodemus, for present service - -	45
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	It is difficult to procure men, as they hide in private houses, and the officers of the town do not bring any. If the fleet at Ipswich had liberty to sail, he might have some men brought, he lying about the Ness of Alford with another vessel. There are 4 ships from Norway, with other small vessels, that desire a convoy for the river, being afraid of the small men-of-war lying about the sands; the Norway men put in on account of them.	46
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	„	Sailed from Wivenhoe for the Downs 17 Feb., and on arrival, was ordered by the Generals to join the Kent, ply between the North Foreland and Orfordness, and seek for the Dunkirk sloops, but being forced in again, was ordered to ply off Harwich.	47
„ „	Thos. Fleetwood -	—	Account of the number of barrels of powder in the stores at Leith, with the marks and weight of each; total, 263.	48
„ „	Thos. Wilkes, *Leith*	—	Like account of 500 barrels that came last to Leith and Edinburgh Castle, of which 466 still remain there.	49

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1655–6. Mar. 4	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Convert, Warwick, and Fox, having obtained sufficient men, have sailed for the Downs. Men are hard to be had, on account of the embargo, and there are 10 watermen of the town who have taken press and conduct money, and are not to be found; has taken some of their masters to serve until they appear.	Vol. 136. 50
” ”	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	”	As the Nantwich and Assurance are to be paid off at Portsmouth, sends an account of supplies made to the officers, that they may be charged for. Begs payment of his bill for 600*l.*, as his credit depends on it.	51
” ”	Nic. Lushington, mayor, *Hythe.*	”	A small Dunkirk shallop was chased on to the flats by the Portsmouth; as she could not be got at, drew down a file of musketeers to where she lay and took her, and after keeping her men prisoners a week, they were conveyed to the castle. Particulars of her value, &c.; as there have been charges in taking her and keeping the prisoners, hopes they will bestow her upon the town.	52, 53
” ”	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth*, *Scarborough.*	”	While on his station, chased in an Ostend man-of-war of 3 guns, two of which she threw overboard in her flight; as she is small, and a good sailer, desires to have her, for there are several small pickeroons about the sands which he is not able to follow without danger to his ship.	54, 55
” ”	Thos. Wilson -	—	Account by Edw. Blagge, Wm. Fowler, and Geo. Dam, of short allowance money due to the men of the Marston Moor from 25 June to 27 Aug. 1655, total 160*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*, as directed. With their note that it was distributed among the men at 12*s.* 3*d.* a man, and Wilson's note that he has debited Geo. Dam, the steward, with the amount.	56
” ”	Capt. J. Whetstone, *Phœnix*, *Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has 180 men, but 12 are in the hospital with the small pox, and two have died; has nothing in store for sick and wounded men; desires some provision therein.	57
” ”	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth*, *Harwich.*	”	Has come in, by order of the Generals, for further orders, having distributed the pressed men amongst the ships in the Downs. Had very bad weather, lost his pinnace and a man; has only 5 days' provisions.	58
” ”	Hen. Webley, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	On arriving in the Little President, found the other 3 fire-ships; they will sail for the Downs the next tide; will hasten them away.	59
” ”	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Perceives they are troubled at his silence about Capts. Hill and Lyons' dissatisfaction, but could do nothing until the Generals arrived, and must now refer to them. As Gen. Desborow and Major-Gen Kelsey are in town, desires they will confer with them as to docking the Pelican and other business.	60
” ”	Navy Comrs. - -	Ordnance officers.	To supply the Endeavour ketch with guns and munition, she having been hired for the service for 6 months or longer.	61
” 5	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has gone on board Capt. Thomson, with the volunteers, and hopes to sail for London to-morrow.	62

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1655–6. Mar. 5	Capt. Edm. Thompson, *Greyhound, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has Capt. Mackey and some volunteers on board, and will hasten to the Thames - -	Vol. 136. 63
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Capt. Thomson has sailed for the Hope with his own and Capt. Mackey's volunteers, being 40 men each. The convoys for the poor fishers are expected daily; if they do not arrive before the embargo is out, as promised, cannot anticipate the result, as the fishermen and their families are in a starving condition, and like so many wild men through long waiting; is much importuned himself on their behalf.	64
" 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Desire they will notice the neglect of the officers at Deptford in graving the Wren and Cat pink, and omitting to make a false keel to the former, and generally in carrying on the service there; also send a person down the river to hasten the Marygold and Hope flyboat to the Hope; also give order to Capt. Alderne to victual at Harwich the Weymouth pink, appointed convoy to the North Sea fishers, and receive an account from the captain of the Endeavour of his 16 days' proceedings since he left the Downs, and take notice thereof when her freight is paid.	65
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Warwick and Fox fireships have sailed, and the Convert and President are going. Sends a list of 8 watermen who were pressed, but have not appeared. Is ordered by Mr. Webly to suffer all vessels laden with the State's provisions to pass.	66, 67
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Send Jas. Hayes, for presenting a false ticket enclosed at the Navy Office for the wages of Saml. Pocock, mariner of the Gainsborough; hopes the Adm. Com. will award punishment.	68, 69
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is graving the Expedition and other ships; wants 40 loads of fir timber - - -	70
" 7	Capt. Jno. Best, *Leith.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been lying on his station at the head of Tynemouth, there being some Dunkirkers on the coast; is about convoying 25 sail to Yarmouth Roads, by order of Gen. Monk, but would rather remain where he is, having obtained 110 men, and his ship being a good sailer.	71
" "	Edw. Blagge, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends account of stores left behind by the boatswain at Chatham; wants them sent on, he having indented for them.	72, 73
" "	Jas. Blackborne, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Mr. Samford has gone out of town. Mr. Strelley asks who are to be Commissioners, as Mr. Foxcraft is dubious concerning the proposals presented to him. Strelley has sent the surveyor to take charge of Dartmouth until further order. Mr. Sydenham, having made a Lyme voyage, has run out 1,000*l.*, and left children fatherless.	74
" "	Joseph Caryll -	"	Recommends Robt. Marston, brother to Thos. Marston of Newcastle, for employment at sea; he served Parliament during the wars, and has been factor to some merchants in Africa.	75
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Barnstaple.*	Adm. Com.	Has done his best to get men for the fleet, but only obtained 20 from the ships, those on shore having fled up the country before he arrived. Desires order to discharge his steward, as he is unfit; wants a purser and sails.	76

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1655–6. Mar. 7	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of masts received from Portsmouth, and what other sorts will be useful. The two Bresters will be ready in a few days, and as they will want men, will desire Capt. Blagge to supply some out of his ship; has appointed a steward and gunners. Is sorry Capts. Hill and Lyons have deserted the service; there is little religion or morality mingled with such actions. Trusts they will not want instruments to carry on the work. The Griffin and Nightingale have arrived, also several ships from Lisbon, bound for Holland and Eastland, who report that the King of Portugal is preparing a great fleet to guard home his Brazil fleet, which he expects in a month.	Vol. 136. 77
” ”	Vice-Adm. Jo. Lawson.	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the 250 tickets which he received for the Resolution, and indented for; sent them to Vice-Adm. Badiley before he went out of town, and desired a receipt, but he refused to give one and returned them.	78
” ”	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Convert and President have sailed. Jno. Smith, a waterman, has made his escape from the Convert, after receiving 2*s.* impress and conduct money.	79
” ”	Lieut. Thos. White, the *Lyme*, *Downs.*	”	Has been delayed by contrary winds, but is sailing for Spithead. Apologises for not being on board when so many other officers were absent, but diligently attended for a week before leaving Chatham, and came with the ship to the Hope, where he has been endeavouring to get seamen.	80
	—	—	Note of the division of 37 ships named into 3 squadrons, headed by the Naseby, Resolution, and Swiftsure.	81
” 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for Capt. Alderne to supply the ships appointed for the guard of the Irish and Scotch coasts at Milford, Kinsale, and Leith, with provisions.	82
” ”	” - -	”	Order for refitting and victualling the Yarmouth for the Channel service, and the Expedition for the Iceland fishery.	83
” ”	” - -	”	Order to examine the accounts of Capt. Mackey for impressing seamen, and to make such allowance as they shall think fit.	84
” ”	” - -	”	They are to tallow the Greyhound, needed for present service, and also to fit out the Red Horse pink.	85
” ”	And. Boult. -	—	Receipt from Capt. Haddock of 3 iron-bound butts into the stores at Tower Hill. - -	86
” ”	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *Swiftsure*, *Stokes Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Is sorry his letter arrived at a time when others had deserted the service, but it did not proceed from such a discontented and unsteady spirit as appeared in them; thanks for their allowance of 30*s.* a day. Will endeavour faithfully to discharge the great trust imposed upon him.	87
” ”	Josh. Fenn, Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Accounts of ironwork, &c., received into the stores from George Maplesden and others between 1 Jan. and 29 Feb. 1655–5.	88–90

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1655–6. Mar. 8	Adm. Judges, *Doctors' Commons.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order on the petition of Gilbert Keate, and other owners of the Marmaduke, and having considered what his Highness's advocate and counsel had to offer, think that if Prince Rupert was accounted a pirate at the time he captured her, she ought to be restored to her first owners, who are liable to those who recaptured her for any costs and expenses to which they were put; but if otherwise, that she belongs to the State.	Vol. 136. 91
" "	Ar. Greame, Thos. Fenton, *Custom House, Bridlington.*	Col. Robt. Lilburne.	Having stayed the John of Flushing, being informed by Jno. Stephenson of Sunderland, and others, that she belongs to Dunkirk, although having a certificate from Flushing, desire an order from the Navy Commissioners what to do with her.	92
" "	Capt. John Stoakes, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs.	Hearing that they refuse to pass his impress accounts, asks what is expected, as it has cost him more than stated, not having charged a penny for his own expenses; his bills being in the treasurer's hands, may remain there and be stopped, if he happens to die in the present expedition.	93
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has given order for repairing the furnace and hiring masons. Cannot understand Capt. Hatsell's dislike to the New England masts; if they are bad, the Naseby and other great ships ought not to have been fitted with them; will send 12 of them to Plymouth, and an order for making the oars there, which he hopes will be ready before the fleet sails. Arrival and departure of ships.	94
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Presumes he is aware of the dissatisfaction and resignation of certain captains, including Capt. Ableson, who had a commission to command the Kent. Sent the bundles of laws to Mr. Creed. The Lyme and Bristol have arrived, but not the fireships.	95
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Gillingham.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Chatham, has been prevented from gaining the reach where the great ship rides, by contrary winds. Has only 35 men and boys on board, and has left some of his stores behind.	96
" 9	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	"	Discharged 30 unserviceable pressed men. Either the Preston or Nonsuch in the Downs can wait on the Venetian Ambassador for Rotterdam, and convoy the vessels there for England. The fireships have not arrived in the Downs; left orders with Capt. Whitehorne to supply them with men; also delivered him his orders as commander-in-chief there; particulars of ships.	97
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Billingsgate.*	"	Is going down with the men for Chatham, and after examining the condition of the ship and setting them to work, will return and dispatch the business as to her provisions. Recommends Jno. Wattlen for master; he has seen much service, and was recommended by Major Burton.	98
" 10	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Eaglet ketch.*	"	Received their order to convoy several vessels, but they had sailed, so remained to press men; obtained 20 besides his own complement, and is now going for the river, with two Danes under convoy, a 3rd being taken off the Ness; is so full of men he does not know how to stir. Desires orders as to impressing any more men at Harwich or Ipswich.	99

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1655–5. Mar. 10	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed an English merchantman and 4 Danes as far as the Middle ground towards London, and has since been plying on his station, but hearing that a Dane has been surprised and carried away, will proceed to sea in the morning.	Vol. 136. 100
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs.	Since sending the muster book from Wivenhoe, has spent most of his time at sea; encloses another.	101
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of masts in the stores and at Portsmouth. Will give all dispatch to the ships, having received their ordnance stores. Philip Meadows has arrived, with a warrant from his Highness to take up a ship for transportation of himself, company, and baggage, to Portugal; has selected the Phoenix, which is afterwards to return to Gen. Blake's fleet.	102
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Send account of bills signed in the Navy Office, with the books of ships and quarter books paid between 1 Jan. 1653–4 and 31 Dec. 1654.	103
„ „	Martin Noel. -	Col. Clerke.	Recommends Mr. Bignell as purser in the new ship at Deptford, he being well known to several at Whitehall and about London.	104
„ „	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed two vessels for Newhaven, and has now come in to transport some money to Scilly, for pay of the garrison there.	105
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Downs.*	„	Will proceed to the fleet at Portsmouth, but desires order to take some men out of the frigates in the Downs, as, with the exception of his officers, he has not 3 men that know how to furl a sail or pull an oar.	106
„ „	Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is fitting out the Great President, and hopes to have her ready in 12 days - - -	107
„ „	Wm. Serjeant, *Griffin, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Waits orders, having received 3 months' provisions for 50 men from Capt. Hatsell. Having 20 men above his complement, will turn them over to other frigates in the harbour.	108
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	„	Will take charge of the Downs squadron, man and dispatch the fireships when they arrive, and report his proceedings to Capt. Plumleigh as directed.	109
„ „	Capt. W. Whetstone, *Phœnix, Plymouth.*	„	Having received an order from his Highness to transport his agent, Mr. Meadows, for Lisbon; will sail to-morrow, but desires a minister may be provided.	110
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Harwich.*	„	Will proceed to Yarmouth with the first wind, and communicate with Major Burton as to cleaning and victualling, but his company are much discontented for want of pay. Has sent his gunner up with a demand for stores, not having had any for 15 months; begs his quick dispatch. Encloses the bond of his purser who has nominated Hugh Peters, minister at Whitehall, and Stephen Edwards, at the Feathers, in West Smithfield, as his sureties. There are daily reports of small Dunkirkers lying between Orfordness and Harwich; wishes he had a stronger ship to encounter the northern seas, his being ancient and more fit to lie amongst the sands.	111

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1655–6. Mar. 10	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Being so weakly manned, has sent up the master to get what men he can, and to give them an account of the condition of his ship.	Vol. 136. 112
" "	Wm. Packer, John Spencer.	Major N. Bourne.	Beg employment for the bearer, an ingenious man and good clerk - - - - -	113
" "	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	His ship sailed on Saturday with the Wexford, having 140 tons of timber and trenails, and 85 tons of iron bolts, spikes, and shot.	114
" 11	Thos. Scott and Officers.	"	Certificate that the officers of the ships at Deptford have been very helpful in rigging and carrying down the fireships.	114*a*
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for shipping 5 surgeons' chests, with 20*l.* worth of medicine to each, on board the Marigold or Hope for the use of the fleet.	115
" "	" - -	"	Order for sheathing the great ship building at Deptford, and for tallowing and launching other ships there.	116
" "	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	The Grimsby has sailed with the eastern bound ships, and Capt. Allen with the Dutch men-of-war and those for Rotterdam. Hopes they will not forget the petition of the Hull merchants for a convoy to London, as they dare not sail without, and are staying at great loss.	117
" "	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Resolution.*	"	Asks the place of reformado on board, having made application to Vice-Admiral Lawson, Gen. Blake, and others, and been referred to them, as Blake scruples whether his going may not offend them.	118
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Distributed the commissions, warrants, and instructions, to the officers of the Beaver and other ships, but they want men; expects some from Barnstaple and Bideford, and the Wexford has come in with 50 to spare. Has supplied the Phœnix with necessaries, and she will sail to-night with Mr. Meadows for Portugal.	119
" "	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Receipt for 350*l.* from Robt. Dooker, according to a note from Mr. Blackborne and order of the Admiralty Commissioners.	120
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Burlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken an Ostend man-of-war of 3 guns, and brought her in. Capt. Smith of the Pearl is lying off the Head, and the Adventure has passed to the southward.	121
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	As the timber in the stores is reducing, they should contract for Mr. Maplesden's, or it will be bought by other timber brokers, and the State compelled to get it second hand.	122
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The 4 fireships having arrived, supplied them with men, and discharged the remainder as unserviceable. Several guns were fired before the ketch took the vessel with wools. All the ships in the Downs are well and will not be easily surprised, but many want men. Hears from Dover that 5 frigates have sailed from Dunkirk. Capt. Welsh, a private man-of-war, is going over to Flanders, and will give an account of affairs there. Particulars of ships.	123

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1655–6. Mar. 12	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been attending the judges at the Bury assizes, but his man wrote Capt. Wilkinson at Harwich to clean and victual or come to Yarmouth. The Weymouth pink cannot convey the fishing fleet, they being so many; if ordered, will engage one of the northern squadron to join her. Sends a letter from 20 English merchantmen at Amsterdam, respecting ships brought in as prize, and others that are about sailing, richly laden, without a convoy. They are waiting for a convoy themselves, the States General declining to give any to the English according to the 21st article, unless they meet any of their ships at sea, and they are all going one course.	Vol. 136. 124, 125
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Gravesend.*	,,	Will distribute the 25 extra men he has, and acquaint Mr. Morris. Convoyed up 3 Danes from Norway, but the 4th was taken by some small men-of-war about the sands. Desires order to revictual.	126
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Sends account of men mustered on 5 ships named, and will supply the Marigold and Hope flyboat with what they require, the Eaglet ketch having come in with 26.	127
,, ,,	Roger Baker -	,,	Hopes they will commiserate his sad condition, through the burning of the Pelican, and give him the purser's place in the second rate ship building at Deptford.	128
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Jno. Newell, late cook of the Pelican, who sustained much loss when she was burnt, for the cook's place in the Expedition, she having 70 men on board.	129
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The residue of the boatswain's stores for the Fairfax were sent to Portsmouth, and Mr. Sewell gave him order to receive them there.	130
,, ,,	Jo. Falkener, *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires order for repairing and fitting the carriages for 4 ships named. Sends a note of the brass and iron ordnance they formerly carried, and asks whether to continue the same number.	131, 132
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	All the ships having gone save 3, will proceed with the rigging of the 2 new ships which have been delayed by other work, but will want a boatswain and some seamen, 50 for the great, and 20 for the smaller ship. If the men are sent, will agree for as low board wages as he can. Will not be able to stand charged by bill of imprest for so large a sum, but will endeavour to do as ordered.	133
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Scilly Isles.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing at Kinsale that two Spanish frigates had taken a Bristol ship having a large sum of money, and had sold her again to her merchants, but retained them on board their ship as security for payment, put to sea with the Mayflower in hopes of meeting with them; but when cruising off Scilly, struck on a sunken rock, called by the fishermen the Sea Stone, or one of the 7 stones, and although he managed to get off, his ship soon after sunk in 60 fathoms of water, and 16 of his men were drowned. The remainder were picked up by the Mayflower, and carried to Scilly; as they are coming home to Plymouth in the Bryer in a sad condition, hopes Capt. Hatsell will take care of them.	134

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1655–6. Mar. 12	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends bill of lading for shot shipped on the Friendship; if it be found short, it must be presumed to have fallen overboard in loading from the lighter.	Vol. 136. 135
„ „	Thos. Temple -	„	Complains of the harsh treatment of his son, Sands Temple, on board the Resolution; he could only get the common allowance of victuals, had to lie with the common men, and was treated as a soldier. Never intended he should be one, either at sea or on land, nor did Mr. Secretary, but sends him to improve his knowledge in navigation; desires he will let Vice-Adm. Badiley know this.	136
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The fleet is in Helen's Road, ready to sail with the first wind. Has supplied the boatswains and carpenters with what they required, and will try to get them to complete their indents.	137
„ 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for a bill to Capt. Jonas Poole for 50*l.* for extra services while commander of the Swiftsure.	138
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for payment of 10*l.*, arrears of wages due to Thos. Burges, late gunner of the Essex, to Barbara his wife, notwithstanding the stoppage on a charge of embezzlement of powder.	139
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Jas. Garrett, master of the Hopewell of London, for 90*l.*, for transportation of 18 soldiers of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment from St. John's Fort, Acadia, to London.	140
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for taking care that Capt. Alderne shall reimburse him for supplying provisions to the Paradox; will not think it any trouble to serve them, but desires a salary and satisfaction for fitting out the Basing. The Mayflower has arrived. Particulars of the disaster to the Primrose. Col. Clarke's letter to the governor of Kinsale has been delivered.	141
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	The Marigold and Hope are manned and wait orders. Put the 26 pressed men brought in by the Eaglet on board of them, and they, with the Greyhound and Nonsuch, are ready to sail.	142
„ „	Thos. Trapham -	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Hears that some surgeons' chests are to be provided for the fleet; having had experience in such matters, offers his services to prevent fraud.	143
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Begs a bill for payment of his extra salary of 3*s.* 8*d.* a day, due since Michaelmas, and care that it is borne on the quarter books, so that he may receive it in future without troubling them. What he receives barely pays his expenses.	144
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	„	The reports of frigates being surprised are false; has ordered all the commanders to be very careful in that matter; has sent Capt. Robinson to Yarmouth Roads, and the Pembroke to convoy vessels for Portsmouth, but there ought to be two for such service, as the pirates will baffle any single frigate that has many under her convoy. Two of the 5 fire ships have arrived; will hasten them away. Particulars of ships. Capt. Shewell has not lost his frigate, as she is riding in Dover Road with others.	145
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	The Pembroke is ordered to convoy some vessels for Portsmouth, and bring back the Primrose hoy; but if he can find a more speedy way for it, will embrace it.	146

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1655–6. Mar. 13	—	—	List of 7 powder makers in arrear on account of the saltpetre works, total 3,103 barrels - -	Vol. 136. 147
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Andrew, St. Helen's Road.*	Adm. Com.	Desires payment to his wife of 10*l.*, for expenses incurred while acting as commander-in-chief in the Downs last summer.	148
" 14	Capt. Thos. Alderne	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends John Tibb, clerk of the check of the Primrose, for the purser's place. Names his sureties.	149
" "	Capt. Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires the bearer may have a bill of imprest, as the President is ready to receive her provisions -	150
" "	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	While at Kinsale to victual, hearing from Baltimore of two Dunkirk men-of-war plying off Cape Clear, who had taken a vessel bound for Bristol, entered into an agreement, enclosed, with Capt. Sherwin of the Primrose, to go out in search of them; but through rough weather he spent his maintopmast, and the Primrose striking upon a rock between the Land's End and Scilly foundered with 16 men, two women, and a child, the remainder being picked up by his boats. Put into Scilly for a new mast, and the Bryer arriving, put those saved on board of her, and both sailed for Plymouth, but separated through chasing a small Frenchman. Will return to his station to-morrow.	151, 152
" "	Capt. Alex Farly, *Basing, Milford Haven.*	"	Has revictualled and is convoying two ships bound for France to the Lizard, by order of the Council of Ireland. Recommends his steward for the purser's place.	153
" "	Cornelian Burough, *Jamaica Harbour.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends by the Grantham a list of sick, wounded, and dead seamen, a muster book, and a debtor and creditor account for necessaries supplied to the Grantham.	154
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters received from Mr. Blackborne. The Marigold and Hope have sailed, and the Eaglet will sail to-morrow. The Nonsuch has now 80 men.	155
" "	Katherine, wife of Thos. Cooke of *Deptford*, Rich. Splatt, boatswain of the *Cat*, and Joan Andrews of the *Globe Tavern, Deptford.*	—	Examinations respecting the embezzlement of a hawser out of the Cat pink by Geo. Beazly and 2 other seamen named. With certificate by Jno. Greene that they have since run.	156, 157
" "	Capt. J. Sherwin, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sent an account from Scilly of the loss of the Primrose; has come to Plymouth in the Bryer, and applied to Capt. Hatsell, who has ordered him to attend the Generals at Portsmouth.	158

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1655–6. Mar. 15	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth*, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Having nearly received the 4 months' provisions for 60 men, will be ready to sail for Yarmouth by Tuesday; his purser desires his warrant may be sent on there if his friends have signed.	Vol. 136. 159
" "	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Rich. Allen as master carpenter in the little frigate building in Deptford dock -	160
" "	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	"	Asks the collector's place in the port, vacant by resignation of Mr. Sydenham - - -	161
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	As the Expedition is ready to sail for the Hope, desires orders for sails, guns, and other stores, and a cook.	162
" "	Major Jno. Wade, *Little Dean.*	"	Account of ironwork and shot shipped in Mr. Baylie's vessel. Will send the remainder by the first that arrives.	163
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	"	Arrival and departnre of ships. Will proceed with the manning of the others; account of provisions on board 5 named.	164
" "	Capt. Robtert Colman, the *Wexford*, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has convoyed a vessel from Ireland, laden with timber and shot; having been 15 months in his ship, desires a remove.	165
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Left King's Road on the 8th, with the pressed men and a ship with timber and shot, which he left at St. Helen's, the General promising to find her a convoy. Distributed the men in the ships by his direction; is unloading the 17,000 shot he took in at Bristol, and when ballasted, will attend orders.	166
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sends two accounts of extra provisions and stores supplied to the fleet, which is now ready to sail southward. Capt. Colman has brought some pressed men from Bristol, and some shot for Mr. Newberry, and convoyed in a vessel with timber and shot from Dean Forest.	167–9
" 16	" "	"	The General with the fleet has sailed; hopes the fire ships have come up with them - -	170
" "	Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires 40 loads of plank for the stores; also a warrant to receive what Mr. Holland of Deptford has contracted to supply.	171
" "	Capt. Hum. Felstead, *Marigold*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived in the Downs with Capt. Strutt and 23 sail bound for Holland and France. Received 12 men from Capt. Bowen, and returned 9 to the Nonsuch.	172
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Col. Clerke, *Whitehall.*	Capt. Taylor objects to a forecastle being built in his ship. Repairs of ships - - -	173

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1655–6. Mar. 16	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com^{rs}	Sent an account of the stations and state of the victualling of the Downs squadron; had sent the Norwich to Rye for vessels, the poor men being undone through lying there so long. The Drake might carry over the Venetian Ambassador, and if the Adventure meets her there, they will be a safe convoy for the merchantmen bound for England. There is great want of convoys, as men will not stir about the North Foreland without. Hears many ships are fitting out at Cadiz to carry soldiers for the West Indies. Has given their commands to the captains of the frigates, and hopes their vigilance will prevent any surprisals. The Dartmouth has brought in a vessel belonging to the Brill, with lemons and oranges from St. Lucar for London, which is under examination by the prize officers at Dover. Two more Hollanders have gone for London, and a third is in the Downs, laden with wool from Bilboa; as it is not the growth of their own country, supposes they will be examined at London. Sends a list (of ships there) and will repeat it weekly if approved.	Vol. 136. 174
„ 17	Capt. Jno. Best, *Burlington Bay.*	Rob. Blackborne	Is riding with the Pearl and 5 or 6 colliers bound for Newcastle. Has 125 men, and is ready to engage with the enemy when he meets them, but wants his surgeon's chest, left behind at London.	175
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will pay Capt. Wilkinson the money ordered when he arrives in the Roads from Harwich. Capt. Robinson has arrived, but has only two months' provisions, which will be of no use if he is to guard the fishers all the summer, so will not send them away without the Weymouth pink. The Portsmouth and her prize, as also 200 sail of colliers, have come in. Received the warrant for Capt. Best and the instructions for the captains.	176
„ „	Capt. Robert Robinson, *the Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Came in by order of the commander-in-chief, and is about convoying the North Sea men, having 9 weeks' provisions; obtained his complement of men from a fleet of colliers that passed by yesterday.	177
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Meeting a fleet of 150 colliers near Tynemouth Bay, bound southward, has convoyed them in, and will use all dispatch to return to his station.	178
„ „	Capt. Roger Jones -	Col. Salmon.	Begs employment, having served him for 15 years, and endeavoured to give satisfaction - -	179
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Mustered 63 men on board the Nonsuch, 22 being absent pressing, and 48 on board the Greyhound, 11 being absent. 40 colliers have arrived.	180
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	On the petition of Hen. Roach and Co., referred to them, have examined what is charged upon them by way of imprest for several ships, and find it amounts to 2,208*l.*, there being a mistake of 10*l.*, and also find there is due from the State, on bills of freight of the Leopard and Roebuck, 2,109*l.* 3*s.* 9¾*d.*, and a greater sum upon the 4th part of the Prosperous than will balance the account.	181

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1655–6. Mar. 17	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	As he cannot attend them on account of business connected with the corporation, has sent his son up with the account for refitting the State's ships; is much out of purse, and has since then fitted out others named; hopes they will order payment.	Vol. 136. 182
" "	Capt. Edw. Thomson, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne	Desires a warrant for Jno. Spratbury, as carpenter. With certificate in his favour by Phineas Pett	183
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The General and fleet have sailed and are out of sight. Desires orders respecting the Wexford, which has come in. The Pembroke has arrived from the Downs.	184
" 18	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	Sends account of provisions issued to ships in all the ports except Portsmouth, since the last account; asks orders as to victualling those in the Thames.	Vol. 137. 1
" "	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Eaglet ketch, Harwich.*	"	Took into his custody all the vessels bound for Harwich and the northwards, but has been forced in by contrary winds and want of provisions. There are a great many small men-of-war about, whose intents he will endeavour to prevent, and resail with the first wind.	2
" "	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Hope flyboat, Downs.*	"	Has taken in 300 barrels of powder, being all the Ordnance Officers can supply, and is waiting with Capt. Felstead for orders.	3
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Gainsborough, Downs.*	"	The Nonsuch has arrived with the convoys, but could meet with none of the many pirates abroad; has sent the Hawk ketch with several others over the flats. The Hope has taken in the powder from Dover; has sent her away. Hears the Portsmouth has taken 3 of the pirates plying about northward. Particulars of ships.	4
" "	Capt. Jno. Best -	"	Has come in with 55 sail under convoy, and is going to Hull to receive 12 bound for London, by order of Major Elton, the governor there.	5
" "	Robt. Coytmor -	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends the bearer for employment, but not as a midshipman, as he can get better pay in a merchant or Newcastle ship.	6
" "	Christ. Hacker, *Winsby, Torbay.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Sends two sea books, and apologises for the delay through victualling at Harwich - - -	7
" 19	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Wants canvas, &c., or will not be able to answer expectations. Repair of ships - - -	8
" "	" "	Col. Clarke	Begs a place for Mr. Whitton, recommended by Baron Parker and Capt. Bowles, as lieutenant or purser. Repair of ships.	9
" "	Thos. Sprigge -	—	Bill of lading by Capt. Thos. Morley for provisions received from Capt. Alderne and shipped in the Jonathan and Abigail for Gen. Blake and Montague's fleet.	10
" 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to certify what ships have been taken up for transport of victuals, &c., to Gen. Blake's fleet, where they are, and in what state; and as they are loaded, to send them to the Downs.	11

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1655–6. Mar. 20	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 4 vessels for Guernsey and St. Malo, 5 for Southampton and Lyme, and is now going to Jersey with others. Received their letters for Col. Gibbon, governor of Jersey, who is coming to London, and sends some from him. Has been forced in by stress of weather.	Vol. 137. 12
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	"	The Navy Commissioners contracted with Capt. Morley, and having received 270 tons of victuals, and the surgeons' chests, he has sailed for the Downs. They have also freighted another ship for 250 tons more, but she has only received 52 tons of beer, and he finds no more; unless order is sent to ship more provisions, the beer will have to be put into a smaller vessel. Hears from the storekeeper at Deptford that the Hope and Marigold have received the provisions ordered. Sent an account of the tallowing of the President by Mr. Hopkins.	13
" "	Captain Jeremy Country, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	"	Has been cruising off the North Foreland, also towed two long boats to Chatham, and then had orders to proceed to Lynn and convoy for London 12 vessels laden with corn, which had lain there a long time, not daring to adventure without a convoy, but has only license to see them into the Roads.	14
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The sea stores for the Greyhound have arrived and been shipped. She has 66 men and the Nonsuch 111; they are the only State's ships now at Gravesend.	15
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, *the Dartmouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has been detained by the general embargo and contrary winds, but yesterday sailed with the Sparrow pink and 58 ships under convoy bound home; has been forced in by westerly winds.	16
" "	Capt. Gabriel Sanders, *Tiger, Downs.*	"	Convoyed a vessel from Spithead to Newhaven, and chased several small Dunkirk pirates infesting the coast, who have taken several ships, one being a Plymouth vessel richly laden with linen, sugar, tin, &c. Took one with her prize, being a Newcastle barque, laden with coals, and sunk another. Has 20 prisoners, which he will carry to Dover, and then return to his station. Hears of 9 more pirates between Portland and the Ness, which constantly lie close by the shores, in 2 or 3 fathoms of water; and if they see any vessel they think to be a man-of-war, they lie as fishermen. They have taken many vessels, but few got to Ostend.	17
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	As the 2nd rate ship building at Chatham, of which he drew the plan, will be ready to launch in a few months, sends an account of the 64 guns needed, that provision may be made. For the honour of the nation, such a ship should have all brass ordnance.	18
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	19
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch.*	Adm. Com	Has 114 men, and is ready for sea, but wants powder, having only 16 barrels - - -	20
" 21	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Hearing from Mr. Blackborne that the Employment from Bordeaux, in which he has an interest, has been chased on shore in the Portland Roads, desires order to the commander-in-chief there to deliver her up. The northern fleet and 300 other sail are waiting in the roads for a wind; the Dartmouth and Sparrow have arrived from the Downs, with 30 others bound for Newhaven.	21

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	Reference.
1655–6. Mar. 21	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting with the Cat pink for orders	Vol. 137. 22
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Milford.*	„	Sailed for Plymouth according to their orders for sails, &c., but has been compelled to put into Milford by extremity of weather.	23
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster.	„	Desires the place of reformado in the Resolution, having served the State and received every encouragement from the present Vice-Admiral, but Gen. Blake demurs lest the Admiralty Commissioners should object. Hopes their compassions are not short towards him.	24
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	As the captain and officers of the Primrose have gone eastward in the Bryer, supposes they have waited upon them; will take the examination of Wm. Trenill, merchant of Plymouth, who was a passenger in the Primrose, and had to swim for his life when she struck on the 7 Stones (off Scilly). The Generals have arrived in Torbay with the fleet, and will resail the first opportunity. The Otter was forced into Dartmouth for want of more ballast; Vice-Adm. Badiley will supply her with one or two tons of shot out of his ship, when the weather permits; is now sending her some old shot from the castles.	25
„ „	John Mill	Cols. Clarke and Salmon, Adm.Com^{rs}	Desires they will consider what the bearer has to urge on behalf of Capt. Cadman, and do as he proposes.	26
„ „	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have freighted and laden two merchant ships with provisions, and ordered them to the Downs. Send accounts of their lading; as only 42 tons of beer are shipped, desire order as to its distribution. Also send account of stores issued from Deptford and Chatham, and put on board the Hope flyboat, and Marigold. There is a great want of canvas; cannot procure any without ready money, or an absolute engagement for payment thereof at 3 months.	27
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Rich. Botler, late cook of the Satisfaction, for employment in the great ship at Deptford.	28
„ „	Hen. Richards, master, and 4 other officers of the *Grantham.*	—	Depositions of several of the company of the Grantham respecting differences between Capt. Jno. Lightfoot, commander, and Edw. Alford, boatswain; also of Elizabeth, wife of Alford, charging the captain with embezzling hides from prizes, selling strong drink on board, making illegal stoppages and charges, and abusing and assaulting the company. Also verdict of a Council of War held on board, that Alford is guilty of abusing and striking his commander, but that they have no power to sentence him.	29–36
„ „	Edw. Sparkes, *Ordnance Office.*	—	Account of shot and spades shipped in the Henry Dogger boat of Berwick and Nonsuch, and sent to Leith for the forces in Scotland.	37
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Having refitted and victualled for 3 months, will sail with the Fagon next Monday	38

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1655–6. March 21	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Tiger brought in a Dunkirk sloop, which escaped while she was coming to anchor, but was retaken; the Pembroke also came in with several vessels with timber and shot from Bristol. Particulars of ships. Sends a merchant's letter respecting a claim to some goods.	Vol. 137. 39
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover.*	—	Account of money expended and bills drawn for the fitting out of ships and supplying necessaries, since 10 Nov. 1655. Total 403*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*	40
,, 22	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	His ship, put on shore at Weymouth, is lying there at great charge, although safe, and as there are so many of the enemies' men-of-war about, she cannot sail without convoy, which he requests.	41
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners to the governor of Portland, to deliver his vessel and goods to Jas. Puckle, or give him a warrant to pass the stages thither.	42
,, ,,	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Sends letters received. Delivered their instructions and orders to Capt. Boost, and acquainted others of the town, so as to prevent any danger, but the wind being contrary, neither Capt. Boost nor the merchants have been able to sail. At least one frigate should remain on the northern coasts to look after the pirates; hopes they will grant the petition of the ships for Amsterdam for a convoy, as they are richly laden.	43
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Receiving little encouragement to stay about his petition and the money, will hasten down to his duties; Mr. Terne, who pays the pensions and knows what is required, will wait upon him in reference thereto. With note by N. Terne that 1,237*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* is due to him.	44, 44*a*
,, ,,	Wm. Lower, and 2 other magistrates of *Burlington Quay.*	Governor or mayor of Hull.	Send a letter received from Scarborough, intimating that a Dunkirker of 10 guns has taken a gaber of Sunderland, and it being feared that many more pirates will be on the coast shortly, if some men-of-war are not sent there, desire notice may be given to all the trading ships, as also to Captain Best, who is expected in the Humber, that he may go northward with all expedition.	45
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Rochester.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail for the Hope and then wait upon them. The master of the ordnance having ordered him some guns which are unfit, desires he may have two brass ones; begs for his lieutenant, Rising, who has served under him 3 years, the command of some small frigate.	46
,, ,,	Thos. Pointer, *Torbay.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a muster book. Wants a lieutenant, his being appointed to the command of the Colchester. The fleet has gone from Helen's Road to sea, after holding a council of war on board the General. Tuesday was the day for a thanksgiving, but the wind being contrary, most of the services were laid aside. Finds no comfort in purser's employment, and the salary is small.	47
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	,,	Asks when the Noyals canvas may be expected, as the works are delayed for want of it; Mr. Bass only sent 100 out of 400 bolts.	48
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood [*Portsmouth*] *Dockyard.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver their orders to the commander of the Bryer when she arrives. Was directed by Comr. Willoughby, before his leaving, to order the Wexford into port for quicker dispatch, but the weather has been so unseasonable that she could not weigh anchor. The Tiger and Hopewell pink will be on their stations, unless forced by the weather into the Downs.	49

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1655–6. March 22	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken in the match, shot, and spades, and has 120 men, but wants powder. The other vessels are ready to sail with him.	Vol. 137. 50
„ 23	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrived in the Humber yesterday. The 14 sail of loaded ships are promised down to-morrow, and others will be ready to come up, weather permitting. Has obtained his full complement of men.	51
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Eaglet ketch, Harwich Water.*	Adm. Com.	Having revictualled at Ipswich, is ready for sea, and wishes he had orders, as there are three or four ships wanting convoy to the river, one being laden with timber and plank for Chatham. Could see them into the river and then return for orders.	52
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Hope flyboat, Downs.*	„	Cannot receive any powder from Deal or Dover Castle, as what was serviceable has been distributed by the captain of Deal Castle.	53
„ 24	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	As Captain Samson was not ready to convoy the coal fleet, they went without him. Will provide a month's provisions for the Preston; asks a convoy for his vessel from Weymouth to Yarmouth, with such goods as the pirates have left, and there are other vessels to come this way; would be loth to lose his ship the second time, as it will cost a good sum to fit her again. There are 13 Lynn and Boston sail bound for London; will send the Pearl as far as Harwich with them, provided the fleet of light colliers do not come meantime. 200 sail of colliers went for Newcastle on the 23rd, with Capt. Samson, and the Dartmouth and Sparrow pink.	54
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a bill of exchange on the Navy Treasurer for 300*l.*, received of Thos. Wright of Ipswich, on account of Major Neh. Bourne, for fitting out the State's ships, and desires payment. The Weymouth pink has sailed, and the Eaglet ketch is in port.	55
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their order to Capt. Vessey, who will proceed with Capt. Elliott to range the French coast where the pirates lie, much among our trade. The Sapphire and Constant Warwick are stationed at the mouth of the Channel, and the Sorlings and Bryer will convoy 10 or 12 vessels bound for St. Malo and Morlaix. Particulars of ships. Received Geo. Pley's letter, and is sorry for the great sufferings of the poor people mentioned, but the two vessels of Lyme were not so rich as suggested. Hears from Capt. Parker that he left St. Malo with 6 vessels under his charge, and, a great fog coming on, he anchored near Dartmouth, and one of the ships, putting to sea in the night unknown to him, was captured by a man-of-war, but bought back again for 250*l.* Has sent the Sorlings and Griffin to range that coast. As we are likely to be visited this summer with many of these Dunkirk and Ostend men-of-war, two or three large and small vessels should be appointed to look after them. Wants oars for ships named.	56
„ „	Geo. Hughes, *London.*	Col. Clarke.	Recommends Francis Walker as waiter in the Tower in lieu of his deceased father - -	57

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1655–6. March 24	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	Adm. Com.	Will take in a month's provisions; 80 sail of the North Sea men will be ready to go with him the end of the week. The fleet of 200 light colliers has gone for Newcastle with the Portsmouth and two others. Captain Smith of the Pearl has come in from the north, and has not heard of any of the enemy's men-of-war on that coast.	Vol. 137. 58
„ „	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth Roads*.	„	Convoyed 75 sail for Sunderland and Newcastle, but was forced back to Bridlington Bay 3 times by winds which have blown all the Ostenders upon their own coast. Has only seen three of their men-of-war, one of which was taken by the Portsmouth and Pearl. Chased the other two himself, but lost them in the fog. Met the Portsmouth on the 23rd, with 200 sail bound for Sunderland and Newcastle. Is now waiting to sail with the next fleet, as all the Ostenders and Dunkirkers will be out the next southerly wind, and will infest trade, except the colliers keep in fleets.	59
„ „	Abr. Stock, *Dover* -	[Blackborne.]	The Dunkirk packet has arrived, and reports that a ship of Leith with sugar, tobacco, and coals, and another of Londonderry with butter and salmon, have been brought in, and that a Virginian of 16 guns was also taken in the Channel by Capt. Cary, but by some negligence was blown up and left at sea. Wrote of a ship of his own which they took twice; as she is now at Dunkirk and about to be taken to Flushing for sale, it would be easy to retake her if a ship was appointed; begs an order for one for that purpose. The Royal frigate of Calais, which has but 7 guns and seldom comes out, rescued two Englishmen and two Frenchmen last week from the Dunkirkers, and carried them into Calais.	60
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham*.	Navy Comrs	As the stores at Chatham are short of timber, and the time for felling is near, begs that the purveyor may buy 1,000 loads for sale out of Cobham Park, which has been surveyed and found serviceable.	61
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough*, *Downs*.	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the condition and stations of the Downs squadron. The Reserve has gone to Calais for the Lord Ambassador, who has been there 4 days; thinks the Norwich and Greyhound should also go over, as the pirates are very busy on that coast. Having received 19 prisoners from Capt. Sanders, ask what to do with them. Has had very tempestuous weather in the Downs for 5 or 6 days, but all the ships are safe. Expects the Reserve with the ambassador in the afternoon.	62, 63
1656. March 25	Jno. Stronge, *Providence*, *Torbay*.	Navy Comrs	Sends a muster book which is not signed, as Capt. Kirby has been discharged into the Ruby, and his present captain declines to sign it, because it was before his time.	64
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for Capt. Alderne to put 100 tons of water in iron bound casks on board the victualling ships, and as much beer in like casks as will take up their stowage.	65
„ „	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure*, *Tynemouth*.	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Hull the 23rd, and hearing there was a Dunkirk man-of-war on the coast, gave chase, but lost him when dark. Waits to convoy the ships bound for London, and will call at the Humber for those there.	66

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1656. March 25	Fras. Nelson, *Newberry, Torbay.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been at sea with the fleet since leaving St. Helen's Point on the 16th, but the weather changing, the Admiral called a council of war, when it was considered necessary to still keep out, but through great stress of weather they were compelled to put in to Torbay.	Vol. 137. 67
„ „	Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Dover.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Recommends Robt. Coytmor (Mr. Jenester's son) as purser in the Reserve or Drake; he served as clerk of the check in the Convertine, and rather than remain idle, volunteered into the Norwich, under Capt. Sacheverell, as a reformado.	68
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from the Ordnance Office, desiring the erection of some sheds in the old Dock at Chatham, for the reception of gun carriages, and desires order therein. Repairs of ships. With the letter and an estimate of the charge of covering the yard, 80 by 34 feet, making side lights, the timber being found, 84*l.*	69–72
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Being appointed to a place where no relief can be had for sick men, and having been forced last year to spend on his sick men what he had laid in for himself, desires some provision may be made.	73
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants tickets, and for the Admiralty Commissioners to hasten down the sails and powder, as the convoys are waiting for him to sail.	74
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for powder; is much troubled by the poor men who have waited so long for a convoy. As the Hull men's mart is near at hand, if they do not suddenly get home, it will entail great loss.	75
„ 26	Thos. Brooks - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Mrs. Goodson, whose husband is in command at Jamaica, asks if any letters or news have been received, although she has heard from Mrs. Blake that her husband is well.	76
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account for the 300*l.* had by Capt. Wilkinson, who says he has given every man content. Capt. Samson had sailed with the coal fleet before receipt of their letter. Has put a month's provisions on board the Preston, and will do the like with the Bear.	77
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has given Major Burton an account of the persons who received any portion of the 300*l.* expended. Capt. Roberts will sail with the fishermen as soon as his provisions are on board.	78
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Desire order for continuing the extra men employed in fitting out ships at Deptford, until the middle of next month.	79
„ „	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Portland Road.*	„	Has been to Scilly with the money, and on returning to Plymouth, received order from Capt. Hatsell to carry Capt. Sherwin and his men to the Generals at Portsmouth, and then convoy some vessels to St. Malo. Meeting the Generals off the Isle of Wight, put 48 of Capt. Sherwin's and 20 of his own men on board. Landed the rest at Weymouth, and will sail for St. Malo.	80
„ „	Capt. Philemon Pownell, *Wildman, Portsmouth.*	„	Left Jamaica for England with their packets, by order of Admiral Goodson, 26 Jan., and having delivered them to Capt. Thorowgood at Portsmouth, is now ready and willing to venture his life to the West Indies, or any other place, and in whatever ship they think fit.	81

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1656. March 26	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth,*	Adm. Com.	Sends some packets brought from Jamaica by Capt. Philemon Pownell of the Wildman; desires order as to victualling and disposing the ship.	Vol. 137. 82
" "	" "	"	The Truelove has arrived at Spithead and will repair to her old station off Beachy. A New England ship with masts is waiting for a convoy to Plymouth. Capt. Parker from St. Malo wants victuals. The Wexford is unloading the shot.	83
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	"	Account of the condition of his own ship and a prize he has taken; hopes to be at Harwich 3rd April, when his provisions will be nearly expended.	84
" 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to summon the officers of the Primrose to examine by whose default she was lost in smooth water near Scilly.	85
" "	" - -	"	Order for Capt. Alderne, navy victualler, to provide two months' flesh for the whole of the southern fleet.	86
" "	" - -	"	Order for the erection of sheds in the old Dock at Chatham for stowage of ordnance stores -	87
" "	" - -	"	Order to consider what dimensions and proportions will be best for two new 5th rate frigates, so as to make them nimble sailers.	88
" "	" - -	"	Order for providing 7 ships named on the western station with 16 oars each, to enable them to do service against the pirates infesting that coast, and to send them to Plymouth.	89
" "	Rich. Cornish -	Adm. Com.	Petition for some allowance for himself, mate, and servant; was deprived of employment by the condemnation at Jamaica of the Hound, of which he was surgeon, as unfit for service, and had to return home in the Wildman. With certificates of Admiral Wm. Goodson and Capt. Phil. Pownell.	90–92
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Send account of the freight agreed upon by them to be paid to hoymen for transport of ordnance stores from the Tower to the various stores; beg an imprest for payment of their bills.	93, 94
" "	" "	"	Account of muskets repaired and sent into the small guns' Office by Jno. Silke & Co. Ask an order for making out a debenture to Fras. Reynoldson for 143 delivered by him and issued out for Barbadoes.	95
" "	" "	"	Ask a warrant to Mr. Austine, pulley maker, to vacate the shop under the Crane on Tower Wharf or appear before them, as since the fire, the space is wanted for stowage of stores, and he has refused to move.	96
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Portsmouth.*	"	Convoyed 4 vessels from St. Malo, but fears one of them foundered in a storm. Hearing that a barque of Looe loaded with pilchards had been taken by an Ostender off Guernsey, gave chase, but she got into St. Malo with her prize. Some Englishmen on board the Ostender escaped in a boat; has brought them over in his ship. Is bound for his station, but wants an order to revictual.	97

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. March 27	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Received 16 barrels of powder, and their order to sail, and having 126 men, will depart with the first wind.	Vol. 137. 98
„ 28	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	„	Brought in an Ostend sloop, and intended to put to sea, but those at Ipswich refusing to receive his prisoners, had to take them to Harwich, where they broke prison, and most escaped. Has been plying on his station, and convoyed several vsssels; also chased a rogue on shore near Orford, and as the people pursued the men up the country, supposes they are in hold; could not get the vessel off, so had to leave her with the mixed multitude.	99
„ „	Capt. Jos. Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the packet and letters for the Generals, and received one for the Commissioners which he has sent on. The fleet is becalmed 5 leagues off.	100
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Left the Generals yesterday with the fleet at Torbay, but has promised to return with a minister for the Lord's day. The John of Dieppe was brought into Plymouth in Dec. 1653, by Capt. Best; her lading consisted of 1,600*l.* worth of beaver, and some spars. Some of the beaver was embezzled and brought on shore, but the greater part was afterwards found. Capt. Stoakes brought in a Stockholmer from Guinea in 1652, which had a quantity of gold, and which was sent to London, and afterwards restored to the Swedes. Cannot find Nich. Trelain; there was a Nicholas Delain formerly residing at Plymouth, who was a mariner and a French subject, but he has gone to sea. Sends the examination of Wm. Trevill, merchant of Plymouth, who was a passenger in the Primrose when she foundered on some sunken rocks near the 7 Stones, off Scilly, that several men were drowned, and that he and the rest were rescued by Capt. Bowen of the Mayflower, and landed at Scilly. Cannot account for the accident, as it was a smooth sea at the time, but Capt. Jno. Sherwin of the Primrose had gone on board Capt. Bowen, to consult as to providing him with a mast.	101, 102
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, near Upnor Castle.*	„	His sails being now made and his powder promised to be sent to the Hope, has gone below Upnor Castle, so as to keep his men; as Commissioner Pett is not at Chatham, asks orders as to sailing.	103
„ „	John Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Will send an account of stores issued. None of the boatswains and carpenters have passed their accounts.	104
„ „	Rich. Rooth, *the Dartmouth, Yarmouth Road.*	„	Took his convoy and 150 more Yarmouth ships to Newcastle, and would have brought others back, but was driven off by a great storm. Is going to the Downs; wants an order there to tallow and repair.	105
„ „	Jno. Thurloe, *Whitehall.*	„	Sends some letters and papers which they should see, and desires they may be returned when done with.	106
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to cause the 3 ships building at Deptford and Chatham to be admeasured, and to certify whether their proportions agree with the dimensions given to the shipwrights for building them.	107

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. March 29	Adm. Com - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off at Portsmouth the Wildman, lately returned from the West Indies - -	Vol. 137. 108
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to deduct 300*l.* paid to the company of the Weymouth on account of wages - -	109
" "	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Eaglet*, *Chatham Dock.*	Adm. Com	Having sprung a leak, and making a foot of water per hour, has come up to repair - -	110
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, the *Wexford*, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sends a letter from his company to the Admiralty Commissioners, requesting payment of their wages, warrants for the places they hold, and the refitting and victualling of the frigate. In August 1654, was invited by his friends to settle in Ireland, but while there, the Lord Deputy and Council gave him the command of the Wexford. Being without proper officers, he had to indent for all he received, and being again in want, desires an order of discharge from all prior engagements before he proceeds any further, as also liberty to come to London to pass his accounts.	111, 112
" "	Jos. Drake, Storekeeper, *Hull.*	"	Has surveyed the powder remaining in the magazine and garrison, and finds there are 21 barrels, which, with a little drying, may be made serviceable.	113
" "	Capt. Tho. Elliott, *Fagon*, *Plymouth Sound.*	"	Has brought in the Cornelius of Ostend, having 5 guns, and will proceed to his station on the coast of France.	114
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Fagon has brought in a Dunkirk man-of-war of 5 guns, taken after a chase of 6 hours, and the loss of her rigging and yards in fight. Has directed Capt. Elliott to keep her captain a prisoner, as those at St. Sebastian's still detain Sydrach Blake, but to discharge the men, except such as be English, Scotch, or Irish, to save expense. As the prize is a swift sailer, asks whether she shall be fitted out. Wants orders as to the disposal of prisoners taken, as those of Dunkirk and Ostend do not keep ours. There is little left in the prize beyond her sails and yards, so greedy are the captors when they take a vessel that fights.	115
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	The English fleet has been seen off the Start; believes it is now out of the Channel. They have taken the Otter with them. Sends the examination of Cornelius Verhagen, captain of the St. Cornelius of Ostend, taken by Capt. Elliott, of the Fagon, that he had the enclosed commission from the Admiralty of the King of Spain at Dunkirk, for taking English and French ships. That he took a small vessel of Looe, in Cornwall, with pilchards and coals, bound for St. Malo, which was retaken 4 days afterwards, and carried to St. Malo, but whether by English or French he cannot say. That there are 33 men-of-war at Ostend, of from 20 to 30 guns each, and 30 at Dunkirk, besides one on the stocks, which is to carry 42 guns, and that 12 English prizes have lately been sent in there, and 20 to Ostend, most of them being colliers. The St. Cornelius had 5 guns and 30 men, and belongs to Ostenders and subjects of the King of Spain.	116–118

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. March 29	E. Keling, *Trinity House.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the daughter of Eliz. Wayman, a cripple, for relief; she tendered a petition and certificate to the Trinity House, stating that her father, Robert Wayman, was slain in the fight off Portland, and left a widow and 7 children. The gentlemen have done something for her, though in no proportion to her condition and wants, as the House has nothing in charge concerning any servants of the State, nor any competent revenue, a good part of their stock being about the channels and buoys, all English duties withheld, their rents not 30*l.* a year, and yet they have a charge of 500*l.* a year upon them for alms people, pensions, and others.	Vol. 137. 119
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton.	Adm. Com.	Asks the command of some frigate, having served in the engagement against the Dutch under Gen. Monck, and received several wounds; has also served on the coast of Ireland and France. With certificates of Gen. Chas. Fleetwood, Lord Deputy of Ireland, Lord Henry Cromwell, and Col. Wm. Brayne.	120–123
„ „	Capt. Phil. Pownell, *Wildman, Portsmouth.*	„	Sends list of his company, and of passengers from Jamaica, also account of his provisions, and what is due for short allowances. Will remain at Spithead until further order.	124, 125
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	„	Sends a survey (wanting) of the Wexford, which will sail to her station, between Portland and Alderney, next Tuesday; the Truelove is again at Spithead and has but 6 days' provisions.	126
„ „	Capt. Jno. Wager, *Greyhound, Queenborough Swale.*	„	Sailed with the two pinks to the Hope, and stayed there until the fleet was clear of Gravesend, and then sailed to the buoy of the Red Sand, intending to use the morning tide to go over the Flats, but the wind changing, put back with the merchant vessels, and is now waiting for wind.	127
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Storekeeper at *Deptford.*	Desires he will deliver to the bearer, a captain of a ketch, the stream cable the Navy Commissioners ordered to be sent to him in the Downs.	128
„ 30	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented returning to his station, but will do so with the first wind - - -	129
„ „	Alex. Bernard, Rich. Dighton, *Scarborough.*	„	Send inventory and appraisement of the Jesuit of Ostend, taken by Capt. Robt. Sansum of the Portsmouth, which with her contents they value at 218*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*; she may be made fit for the service. Capt. Sansum has also sent a small dogger with 3 guns into Bridlington Quay, and a double shallop with one gun into Scarborough.	130, 131
„ 31	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Vitualling Office.*	„	Received order to provide two months' flesh for the southern fleet, but as the number of men is not mentioned, nor the ports to which it is to be sent, requires further directions; unless a larger supply of money is assigned for buying it, as also for payment of what has already been delivered on contract, cannot proceed on any further new orders. The value of such a supply of flesh would be 25,000*l.*, one half of which would have to be immediately paid for beef and pork; and the butchers would not sell at this season but for ready money, so as to enable them to restock their grounds.	132

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1656. March 31	Hen. Morris	Major-Gen. Kelsey.	As the lost maid has not yet been found, her mother is distracted, and her friends ignorant as to how or to whom to make address; knowing that when he was governor of Oxford, he gave attention and encouragement to any lawful honest motion, desires his assistance therein. Noted Bashford and Barnes.	Vol. 137. 133
" "	Adm. Com.	Jno. Bashford and John Barnes.	Order to search such ships in the Thames as they think fit for Mary Barnes, an apprentice, who has been decoyed away from her master, and is supposed to have been shipped for the Plantations. With return by Bashford and Barnes that they found her on board the Tanker-ville, alias the Discovery, commanded by Capt. Burton, and as she went on board of her own accord, they have not summoned the captain to appear before the Admiralty Commissioners, as ordered, but will do so if directed.	134
" "	Capt. Geo. Daking	—	Certificate that at a council of flag officers and Commissioners, held at Jamaica, the Hound frigate was appointed as a man-of-war and allowed 90 men.	135
" "	Capt. David Dove	Adm. Com.	Recommends Joel Thomas as master gunner in the Nicodemus, of which he is the commander.	136
" "	Capt. Nich. Foster	Col. Clarke	Asks for the certificate promised by the Admiralty Commissioners for past services; having waited 13 months, and seen his hopes frustrated as to further public employment, is seeking some elsewhere.	137
" "	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Nath. Terne, *Lower Deptford.*	Capt. Taylor having pressed the Admiralty Commissioners very hard for the pensioners' money, they sent to the gentlemen at Little Britain about a supply; the Governors of the Chest have now some hopes that care will be taken for the poor men, and desire he will make speedy application about it to Mr. Blackborne; if he fails, Comr. Pett will be in town in a day or two, and will attend at the Admiralty thereon.	138
" "	Thos. Johnson, bailiff, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	An Ostend shallop being chased on shore near the town by one of the State's ketches, and being staved, her captain and 10 of her men have been lodged in the common gaol, and 5 more at Orford; as they are allowed 6*d.* a day, besides attendance, asks orders as to disposing of them, and how the charge is to be met.	139
" "	Math. Langdwyll, *Great President, Woolwich*	"	Desires his warrant given to Mr. Harden, his mate, as the ship has nearly all her provisions and stores on board, and will be soon ready to sail.	140
" "	— Molins	—	Account of saltpetre received and returned by him to the Tower in gunpowder	141
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Nonsuch has sailed, and is waiting at Holehaven for a wind. There are no State's ships now at Gravesend.	142
" "	John Beale	Major-Gen. Kelsey.	Sends a certificate from the last commander he served; is waiting at the door for an answer	143

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1656. March 31	Laurence Blancart, *London.*	Mr. Marston.	Desires him to see Col. Salmon on his and Mr. Stock's petition to the Admiralty Commissioners; hears from Stock that the packet from Calais has brought news that two Dunkirkers having taken two vessels coming out from thence, the Royal frigate of Calais went out and took the two Dunkirkers and their prizes, and carried the four into Calais, and one of the Dunkirk captains was killed. If the Commissioners would grant the Norwich or some other frigate to cruise upon the coast of Flanders for a few days, it would probably retake their ship, or do considerable service upon some of those small rogues, and also convoy some vessels to Flushing which are now waiting in the Downs.	Vol. 137. 144
„ „	Jno. Bonython, *Bridewell.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having been a prisoner 16 weeks, begs presentation of his petition, with the names of his proposed sureties—Saml. Pendarves and Wm. Holland, gentlemen of Cornwall—to the Admiralty Commissioners, and his release.	145
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for their order to the governor of Portland to deliver up his ship and goods to his man, and for promising a convoy. Some men of the Dartmouth having, through accident or design, sunk their boat in bringing letters on shore, has had to supply them with money until they can return to their ship. Sends the petition of 88 fishermen, residents of the coast towns in Lithingland and the hamlets adjacent, praying for a convoy, and for vessels to protect them during the mackarel season from pirates infesting the coast, as on that fishery they and the inhabitants of cos. Suffolk and Norfolk chiefly depend.	146, 147
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow, Downs.*	„	Was sent to Newcastle with the Dartmouth, and on arriving at the bar, experienced such a heavy gale that he lost his boat, anchor, and cable, and his ship sprung a leak, so that he has had to work the pumps ever since. Has sent to Dover for a fresh supply, as nothing can be had in the Downs.	148
„ „	Josiah Child, *Victualling Office, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Parker of the Truelove wants provisions; being directed not to issue any without an order from the Commissioners or the Generals, and Comr. Willoughby being absent, desires further instructions. The Wildman also wanted some on her return from Jamaica, but could only furnish her with beer.	149
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the New England ship with the masts to Plymouth to-morrow. Having only two days' provisions, applied to the victualler, but as he refused to supply any without order, shall sail without.	150
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, [Portsmouth].*	„	Delivered their letter to Capt. Parker, who will sail with the New England ship to-morrow if the wind is fair, but if not he will want victuals. Mr. Child, the victualler, declined to furnish without order. The officers of the Wexford having certified their readiness to sail, she will proceed to her station between Portland and Alderney. The master of Major Burton's vessel has gone to Portland.	151

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1656. March 31	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger*, *Weymouth*.	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 4 vessels from the Downs to Seine Head, and then went to Capt. Arthur at Weymouth, for Mr. King; but he being at London, could not get despatch of his business. Has only 7 days' provisions, but hopes to make it last a week longer by short allowances.	Vol. 137. 152
„ „	Thos. Scott, Manley Callis, *Deptford*.	„	Think that 14 oars, 32 feet long, will be sufficient for 5th rate frigates, and 12, 28 feet long, for 6th, which will leave a supply if any are broken. Noted that they are to be got ready in store.	153
„ „	Wm. Thring, master of the *Norwich*.	„	As they have removed his commander into the New President, desires discharge that he may go with him, having served 4 years in a 5th rate as master.	154
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough*, *Downs*.	„	Sends stations and movements of the Downs squadron and other ships, also a certificate of some officers of the Reserve, that since she fetched the French ambassador from Calais, she has proved very leaky. Hears 3 pirates from Dunkirk have gone northwards.	155–157
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Has done little lately, owing to the bad weather. Has ordered the Naseby's long boat to Deptford, according to an order from Mr. White at Dover; will call upon the storekeeper for the cable and necessaries. Expects the Primrose hoy daily.	158
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Has sent up the Naseby's long boat by the Hawk ketch, and desires she or some other may take the remaining boats, as they may be serviceable in London and will spoil where they are. Has an anchor and two cables which the Augustine lost off the South Foreland. Desires the account presented by his son for fitting out ships may be signed and paid.	159
„ „	Chris. Pett and 2 others, *Woolwich*.	„	Survey of timber and plank in the stores at Woolwich - - - - - -	160
„ „	Js. Davies. Manley Callis, *Deptford*.	„	Survey of timber and plank in the stores at Deptford - - - - - -	161
March ?	——	—	Note of iron and shot sent to London on the Friendship, 24 cwt. - - - - -	162
„ „	48 mackerel fishermen of *North and South Foreland*.	Adm. Com.	Petition for convoy during their fishing season. Will be ready to sail 20 April, but there is great danger because of the enemy's ships of war, and hundreds of poor are preserved by that fishing.	163
„ „	14 fishermen of *Ramsgate*, *Broadstairs*, *Margate*, *Dover*, *Folkstone*, *Hythe*, and *Brighton*.	„	Petition to like effect. Have 100 sail ready to go to sea on 25th April, to fish on the North Foreland.	164
„ „	10 ketchmen of *Milton*, 6 of *Faversham*, 11 of *Barking*, 1 of *Stroud*, and 1 of *Hastow*.	Lord Mayor, Chrs. Pack.	Petition to recommend them for protection from impress for their mariners, employed in furnishing the city with mackerel, lobsters, and herrings, which are useful in sparing flesh meat. With list of the men.	165, 166

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1656. April 1	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Humber.*	Robt. Blackborne	Called at Tynemouth and Sunderland for the laded ships, but only 16 were ready, which he has convoyed to the Humber, and is waiting with them for a wind. Sprung his topmast while chasing a Dunkirk man-of-war in the storm, and is having another made.	Vol. 138. 1
" "	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Plying about the mouth of the Channel with the Constant Warwick, by order of Capt. Hatsell, chased a Biscay man-of-war, which the Constant Warwick took, and is bringing her into Plymouth. Has come in to victual.	2
" "	Jas. Blackborne, *Plymouth.*	"	Is sorry to hear of his great trouble and hopes to prevent the like for the future. Capt. Potter of the Constant Warwick has taken a Biscay man-of-war of 14 guns and 100 men, after an exchange of shots. Hears that the prize office is now settled and Capt. Kingdon appointed comptroller; asks whether he keeps his Custom House employment. Is glad to hear of the present condition of our poor men in the West Indies, and that the fleet has had such fair wind, which no doubt has now carried it to Lisbon Rock. Capt. Hatsell is at the Exeter Assizes.	3
" "	Jno. Brandling and 7 others, *Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	Beg a guard and convoy for their Newcastle and other ships, the northern parts being infested with the enemies' men-of-war.	4
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Under pretence of searching for seamen, searched for the party they mentioned, but could not hear anything of him.	5
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Particulars of ships. Hopes they will make timely provision for paying the poor pensioners' arrears, otherwise their cry will become oppressive.	6
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for fitting out the Raven at Plymouth, brought in by the Fagon and Griffin as a prize -	7
" "	" - -	"	" the fitting and victualling of the Essex, Assistance, and Elizabeth, for service in the Channel.	8
" "	" - -	"	" the cleaning and victualling of the Portsmouth - - - - - - -	9
" "	" - -	"	" the fitting of the Vulture at Harwich, taken by the Portsmouth from the Dunkirkers, and brought in as prize, to carry 50 men and 10 guns.	10
" 2	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 6,000*l.* a week for 8 weeks.	11
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Pearl has sailed with 50 colliers to the northward. Several merchants and owners of ships lying in Holland much murmur that no convoy has yet been sent for them, and several lading at Yarmouth want one.	12
" "	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	Can launch the two ships on the 15th or 16th. Asks what day it is to be, and a warrant to Woolwich for all their workmen to attend, as also for 4 or 6 barrels of beer.	13
" "	Lieut. Col. G. Crompton, *Gravesend Blockhouse.*	Adm. Com.	Has been unsuccessful in apprehending Rickwards. A man answering his description arrived 16 days ago from Flushing, but has since returned.	14
" "	Lieut. Jno. Gough -	"	Asks some command and satisfaction for services in saving a wreck or derelict, which yielded the State a considerable sum, and in the condemnation of which he spent much time and money.	15

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1656. April 2	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exeter.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Is attending the assizes. Capt. Clay, of the Sapphire, has arrived at Plymouth; will order him 6 days' provisions and to ply in the Channel. The Constant Warwick is bringing in a prize with 80 or 90 men; asks orders respecting them, and whether that and the Dunkirker lately brought in, shall be fitted out; 8 or 10 such small vessels might be of great service to the fleet. Hears from the captain of the Otter, at Falmouth, that the fleet passed him in the Channel.	Vol. 138. 16
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The dimensions fit to be given to two small 5th rate frigates ordered to be built ought to be 70 feet in length by the keel, and 23 in breadth, to make them nimble sailers.	17
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	As to the petition of Barth. Pitman, administrator of Wm. Pitman, his son, for the arrears of a salary of 50*l.* a year due to the son as assistant-surgeon under Wm. Markham, surgeon-general to the fleet in the late expedition, know nothing beyond what is stated in it and in the copy of the warrant annexed. Ask information, that they may allow what is claimed.	18
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Send copy of an Admiralty order of 24 Oct. 1654, directing a physician and two assistant-surgeons to be appointed to Gen. Penn's squadron bound to the West Indies, and desire they will do therein as shall be found just.	19, 20
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Wexford and the New England ship still wait a wind. The victualler has at last supplied Capt. Parker with a week's provisions without order, but some expedient ought to be found for such urgent cases.	21
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Kinsale.*	,,	Left Plymouth Sound, as ordered, on the 28th ult., and will proceed to his station - -	22
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	To similar effect. Thanks for the order to receive the salvage money due to himself and company for several vessels rescued, but as those at Plymouth refused to pay it without seeing the original orders, has left a power of attorney with Blackborne's brother to receive it; begs him to look after the original orders.	23
,, 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for the immediate dispatch of the ship in the river, with provisions for the fleet under Generals Blake and Montague, to the other 3 in the Downs, who are waiting for her.	24
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to Jno. Powell for 5*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* disbursed by Thos. White, mayor of Dover, in impressing mariners and sending them to the fleet.	25
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	Sends particulars of the repairs required for the hulk. Will launch the Assistance next tide. Is recovering from his illness, and hopes to walk abroad in a day or two. Would like the 2nd rate frigate put in hand at once, this being the season; a small supply of timber and other necessaries will suffice. Understands two 1st rate frigates are to be built in the yard; hopes to be thought of in their building, and if furnished with their dimensions, will draw the plans.	26

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1656. April 3	Capt. Wm. Billers, *Whitehall.*	Adm. Ccm.	Asks them to report on his case, referred to them by his Highness and the Council, so that he may be no longer in debt or a burden to them. Has been a commissioned officer since 1642, and always discharged his duties, but is in debt 400*l.*, for the travelling expenses of himself, deputy, and servant, and has to pay interest thereon.	Vol. 138. 27
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, the *Wexford*, *Spithead.*	"	Has sailed as ordered, and will get what men he can to make up his complement, and then cruise between the Isle of Wight and Seine Head; as their honours' words are as good as their hands, will not trouble them for warrants for his officers. Desires the command of a better ship, having been recommended for it by Generals Deane, Monk, and Penn, and Vice-Adm. Lawson, under all of whom he served as commander or pilot.	28
" "	Judge Advocate Fowler, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends some orders and instructions he has prepared to be printed and distributed amongst the fleet, as to fires, &c.; asks for the address of Jno. Pitt.	29
" "	Jno. Pitt - -	"	Has been prevented hastening to the Downs, but will set forward on Monday - - -	30
" "	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Hope flyboat*, *Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Having spent 18 days of his sea provisions through staying in the Downs, asks a month's supply from Dover.	31
" 4	J. Blackborne, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is glad to hear his troublesome business is so near a period; thanks for favours, and will try to answer expectations in the trust reposed in him. Hopes that he does not much value the place in the customs, having a good portion without, and that he will submit to the will of Him who has been abundantly merciful to both of them. Capt. Potter has arrived with his prize. Capt. Hatsell is still at the Exeter Assizes.	32
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letter for Capt. Mackey to Gillingham. The Advice has 130 men and 3 weeks' provisions. Continued the search for the party they wrote about, and hears he has gone to Dover.	33
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Wm. Pitman served in the Torrington and Paragon as a surgeon's assistant, and was drowned when the Paragon was lost; he was paid ordinary seaman's wages. Two assistants were allowed to the general surgeon in Gen. Penn's fleet, but there is no warrant for Pitman to have 50*l.* a year, nor whether it is to be in addition to his pay. Ask what allowance to make for the time he served. Think they may accept the copy of the bill for 26*l.* for medicaments alleged to be mislaid, care being taken when the original turns up.	34
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand for canvas; is in hand with the Elizabeth, and the Triumph is in dock.	35
" "	Robt. Sewell, Peter Ellis, *Chatham.*	"	Wants 10 bales of Noyals canvas without delay, besides what was formerly demanded, the Elizabeth being ordered to be fitted for sea.	36
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	Is rigging the frigate and getting ready for the launching of the great ship, but wants seamen, and although he has sent about the river, it has been to little purpose. When they do come, asks how many to entertain, and whether on board wages or petty warrants; also a warrant to enter them.	37

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1656. April 4	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	The Greyhound and pinks arrived with their convoys; ordered Capt. Nutton to command in chief; substituted the Cornelian for the Cat pink, and charged them all to be very careful. Has informed Mr. Stock, and the other merchants at Dover, of their pleasure, and appointed the Pembroke and Drake as convoys for them and others bound for Flushing, when they come in; hears they have been chasing several pirates off the coast, of whom 3 came out of Dunkirk with the packet boat, and went west; as there are 4 men-of-war that way, they may light on some of them.	Vol. 138. 38
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the names of some warrant officers come in, a demand for anchors and cables for the Dartmouth and Sparrow, who lost theirs off Tynemouth Bar, and letters of the Admiralty Commissioners to the captain of the Greyhound and the Judge Advocate.	39
" 5	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants provisions, having only sufficient for 14 days; told Capt. Alderne a week ago. Is attending a fleet of 60 colliers bound for Newcastle.	40
" "	Rob. Grassingham, Jno. Browne.	"	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - -	41
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard,* [*Portsmouth*].	"	Received their warrant and is in hand with the Essex. The Wildman has come in and is unloading her guns, casks, &c.	42
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a petition of several masters of ships at Portsmouth for a convoy - - - -	43
" 7	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends demands for carpenter and boatswain's stores. Left Barnstaple the 18th ult., and put into Milford, by stress of weather. Made the Land's End but was forced back to Kinsale, where he remained until the 3rd inst. Applied to Capt. Hatsell for supplies, and has been ordered to ply between Plymouth and the Lizard, until they are ready; having been off the ground 6 months, desires an order to tallow.	44
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *the Norwich, The Gore.*	"	Had orders to convoy 13 sail for the Holland coast; the Greyhound and Cornelian, part of them, have been forced into the Gore by contrary winds, and the remainder into Queenborough, and are now waiting for an opportunity to resail.	45
" "	Adam Smythson, *Pevensey.*	Navy Com^rs	The Primrose has been laden since the 12th ult., but could not sail without convoy, as there were two Ostenders lying upon the coast; the Pembroke offered to take her, but she could not then get out for the wind. Desires another convoy, or an order to sail without, that he may get out of a creek, where such a vessel was never sent before.	46
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth pink, off Ansier.*	Gen. Monk, *Dalkeith.*	Has been forced from the fishers a second time through the great storms, and nearly foundered, part of the ship's head being washed away and his beer staved. She is not fit for these seas, having but one deck, and the pump is seldom out of hand in bad weather. There are 70 sail of fishers at sea; left Capt. Roberts, of the Preston, with them, but fears the storms have parted them.	47
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - -	48

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1656. April 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to attend them on Thursday at 9 a.m., with Major Sedgwick's accounts relating to the French forts taken by him in America.	Vol. 138. 49
” ”	” - -	”	Order for the building of a 2nd rate ship at Woolwich, and two 5th rate, one at Portsmouth and the other at Deptford or Chatham; also to see that there is a proper supply of serviceable timber.	50
” ”	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	”	Sends account of disbursements, and asks a bill on the Navy Treasurer for payment; also an order for purchasing yarn.	51
” ”	Capt. Fras. Cranwill.	Adm. Com.	Asks the command of one of the small vessels fitting out at Deptford; served in the wars with Holland, and as there is now a war with Spain, if his request is granted, hopes to be able to give a good account of his command.	52
” ”	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Harwich.*	”	Has come in to victual, clean, and set a new mast. In convoying the 60 sail from Yarmouth to Newcastle, a violent storm forced 40 of them into the Humber, and the rest on to the Holland coast; was compelled to keep at sea himself, from fear of the enemies surprising them.	53
” ”	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Fagon, Rochelle.*	”	While off Belle Isle, took the St. Michael of St. Sebastian's, of 75 men and 8 guns, commanded by Capt. Delorance, by commission from the King of Spain. Has put the men on shore at Rochelle, but kept the captain, as he hopes to obtain Capt. Sid. Blake's enlargement for him; the captain has written to St. Sebastian's for that purpose.	54
” ”	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	”	Wants the Otter and Raven to attend the frigates and pursue the small Biscay men-of-war, which hide in rocks about Belle Isle. Account of the good vessel taken by the Constant Warwick. The enemy's ships are fully manned and ours weakly, many being boys. Desires that these two ships may be fitted and employed about the Western station, as it is much infested with pirates, and that the men in the Sapphire may be increased to 150 or 160, in the Constant Warwick to 130, and in the Fagon to 120. Particulars of ships. Sends the examination of Mighell De Trebaren, captain of the Nostra Senora Del Secorro of St. Sebastian, stating that he came from thence with a commission to take the enemies of the King of Spain at sea, took an English ship laden with coals, bound for Rochelle, and sent her to St. Sebastian's; also a French ship, belonging to Bordeaux; that there are 30 men-of-war belonging to St. Sebastian's, two whereof are now at sea; and that his ship was taken by Captain Potter of the Constant Warwick, and brought into Plymouth, where she now is. Also inventories by Jno. Hooper and two others of her masts, rigging, sails, and stores, and of those of the St. Cornelius, alias the Raven.	55, 56
” ”	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Catwater, Plymouth.*	”	Asks an increase of 20 men to his company, not being so strong as the enemies he will have to deal with, and having 30 less than were allowed in the Dutch war.	57

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1656. April 9	Jno. Jeakin, master of the *Constant Warwick, Plymouth.*	Thos. Brooks.	On 13 March they took a Biscay man-of-war of 14 guns and 75 men, after two hours' resistance, without having a man hurt; has come in to victual. Thinks the prize might be fitted out again as a man-of-war; she is very strong, and will carry 18 guns. Begs influence if such a thing is intended.	Vol. 138. 58
" "	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^rs	If it had not been for so much rain which has made the Forest a bog, would have had timber ready to load Mr. Baylie's great ship; has not been neglectful, and begs encouragement, as he cannot command the heavens. Hears Mr. Baylie has been at a charge of 100*l.* for demurrage through his timber not being sent down to the water's edge, but it could not have been done if he had given 40*s.* a load for carriage, on account of the wet. It was Baylie's own fault, in letting his old ship drive upon the sands for want of looking after, by which a fortnight was lost; could only stow in her hold and upon deck 53 tons of timber. Wishes all the timber he has squared in the Forest was at the Pill, although it were out of his own purse.	59
" "	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Put to sea yesterday with 20 Hull ships laden for London, but the wind proving contrary, has come into the Humber with them.	60
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	There is only Capt. Best's frigate between Yarmouth and Newcastle. Is grieved to hear the murmurings of the people, that 4 or 500 sail at Newcastle and Sunderland should not have a frigate to convoy them. 40 or 50 colliers arrived in the roads from Newcastle, and two fleets of light colliers, of 40 or 50 sail in a fleet, have gone northwards without convoy, yet hears there are 20 sail of the enemy thereabouts. 4 fishers who sailed before the order to stay came are all taken. Reminds them of the petition of the mackerel fishers for a convoy.	61
" "	John Dennis, *Friendship.*	—	Account of shot and ironwork brought in his ship from Bristol, and delivered into the stores -	62
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Applied to the master of the ordnance for powder, but could not obtain any; attended the Navy Commissioners to pass his accounts, but wanting the captain's receipts for the impressed men, could get no dispatch, and will have to go to the Hope for them. Hopes they will not forget Lieut. Rysing; has had great experience of his capabilities; he is staying at great charge, and has been a great sufferer.	63
" "	Thos. Pointer, *Southward Cape.*	Navy Com^rs	All the fleet is in company off the cape and in good condition. Hears that 4 West India ships have got home to the Spaniards, and that their fleet is not yet out, nor any great preparations.	64
" 10	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to sell the John Baptist and 4 other ships, as being old and unfit for service, reserving such of their tackle, guns, &c., as they think fit, and to pay the proceeds to the Navy Treasurer.	65

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1656.				Vol. 138.
April 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Bartholomew, father and administrator of Wm. Pitman, late assistant to the surgeon-general of Gen. Penn's fleet, for such wages as were due to him at his decease for services in the Torrington and Paragon, after the rate of 50*l.* a year.	66
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out bills to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 38*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*, and to Hen. Webley, messenger, for 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, disbursed by them for the service.	67
,, ,,	Wm. Pickering, *Fox fireship, off Logas.*	,,	Sends his sea books, and apologizes for not sending them sooner - - - - -	68
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has had bad weather several days, but gave Capt. Allen orders to ply with the other two ships on the coast of Flanders for 10 or 12 days, the Dartmouth between Dover and France, and the Sparrow and Hawk between Beachy and the Ness; at the next tide, hopes to get in the hoy with timber from Pevensey.	69
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends another list of warrant officers, an application from Capt. Rooth to the ordnance for guns, and one from the Drake for provisions. Hears Mr. Pitt has arrived at Deal.	70
,, ,,	Capt Hum. Felstead, *Marigold, Portland Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order and packets, and an order from Capt. Whitehorn to Capt. Grove to convoy him with 7 others to the South Foreland; he having seen the 7 safe, they have since been forced into Portland Roads by contrary winds.	71
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Grove, *the Pembroke, Portland Roads.*	,,	Received order to take the three victualling ships bound to Generals Blake and Montague under his convoy and carry them to the Downs, but has been forced in by bad weather.	72
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	The Yarmouth has a company of 118, but many are boys; she has received most of her provisions, but wants more powder. The Cat pink has arrived from the Downs to repair her mainmast.	73
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Sends a note from Thos. Arkenstall and E. Hayward, desiring him to write the Commissioners for the appointment of a boatswain to the new ship building at Chatham Dock by Capt. Taylor; they cannot proceed with the rigging without one.	74, 75
,, 11	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	,,	Asks a convoy as far as the Scaw for a ship richly laden, bound for Sweden; there may be other ships ready for a convoy home.	76
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Comrs	The Raven is being repaired after her fight with the Ostender; also the Constant Warwick, whose mast was damaged by shots. Sends accounts and receipts, and begs that the balance 1650*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* for which he has charged a bill upon the Navy Treasurer, may be paid. Wants a debenture for the 449*l.* charged on the Ordnance Office. Will send account of disbursements for pressing seamen.	77

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1656. April 11	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	The repairs upon the Constant Warwick have been hindered by such foul weather as has not been known in the memory of man, but the works on the Raven will be ended in a day or two. The Truelove put into Dartmouth with her convoy with masts and oars, wanting provisions; has endeavoured to procure them for her. Understands that three gallions and two others have been armed at Cadiz, but it is now too late to wish that 16 frigates had been sent before the fleet; none of such things arise from the dust; the Lord give right hearts to use these cross providences. Asks orders as to cleaning and victualling the Primrose.	Vol. 138. 78
" "	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented setting the new mainmast and completing the cleaning and other works needed through the stormy weather, but hopes to be ready next Tuesday.	79
" "	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *the Norwich, Harwich.*	"	Has been compelled through the easterly wind to put into Harwich, together with the Greyhound, Cornelius, and Wren, and the 15 sail under their convoy for the coast of Holland.	80
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Dartmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the command of the frigate building at Deptford; is doubtful of returning by the time she is launched, but hopes not to be put out of her. Since leaving Portsmouth with his convoy, met Swart with a Brest man-of-war, and had some dispute with him; as he left him in the night, thinks he received some damage. Has put in with his convoy through contrary winds.	81
" 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Robt. Mackey for 10*l.* for impressing seamen - - -	82
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting and victualling the Pearl at Harwich for 3 months - - - -	83
" "	Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Master and Wardens *Surgeons' Hall.*	Recommends Hen. Gouldsburgh for the surgeon's place in the Wakefield lately built at Portsmouth	84
" "	Jer. Smyth - -	Adm. Com.	Desires they will send notice to the postmaster at Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, when they want him -	85
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	"	The Tiger has arrived at Spithead with the Governor of Jersey and his family, as also some money. There are 14 vessels at Portsmouth and Cowes bound for London, but they dare not put out without convoy.	86
" "	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	"	Went to Jersey for Col. Gibbon, and having landed him and 5 chests of money, desires order as to refitting and victualling.	87
" "	Col. Rob. Gibbon, *Portsmouth.*	"	Thanks for the commodious and safe convoy he had in the Tiger, with the composition money from Jersey.	88
" "	Dan. Johnson, *Poole*	Robt. Blackborne	As there will be alterations in the Custom House by the change of Commissioners, hopes to get out of the unworthy place he is now in; Lyme, Plymouth, or some other port will suit him as well as Southampton.	89

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1656. April 12	Capt. Robt. Mackey	Adm. Com.	Has passed his accounts before the Navy Commissioners for impressing seamen, but they refused to grant him anything for his six weeks' labour without warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners; begs one, as also renewal of those of his boatswain and carpenter.	Vol. 138. 90
„ „	Hen. Pitt, Mayor, *Southampton.*	„	Sends a list of men pressed by him, and an account of the disbursements therein of 8*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, and desires payment. They did not all appear before Comr. Willoughby at Portsmouth after receiving their tickets and money, for which he was blamed, but they were carried away by officers of other ships without his consent.	91
„ 13	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Harwich.*	„	Is about resailing with his convoys for Holland, having been forced in by contrary winds -	92
„ „	Jno. Miller - -	„	Petition for the gunner's place in a small frigate building at Deptford, having so served in the Rosebush. With certificate of Rich. Hodges and 3 others of Deptford, that Miller has been a resident there for years, has served in the wars, and deserves another warrant.	93
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Leith Roads.*	„	Sailed from the Yarmouth Roads with 40 ships bound northwards, but the wind proving contrary, put the Hull ships into the Humber, and proceeded with the remainder to Leith Road. A Holland convoy has come in, with some vessels from Rotterdam.	94
„ 14	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Col. Clarke.	The Spanish silver ships will hardly fight with the fleet unless their spirits be much elated with their successes. While at Tavistock to put down the ale houses, received the letter enclosed, sent by Lieut.-Col. Ebzery at Youghall to Ensign Perry's widow, announcing her husband's death and promising to send her 8*l.* he had left. Will pay her the 8*l.*, she having had his month's pay by Capt. Northcote's order; knows nothing of his arrears. The violence of the storm having abated, expects the Truelove, and will give her all dispatch. Will attend the General Quarter Sessions at Exeter to-morrow, when he may meet Capt. Pley, on his return from London, about the sale of the goods at Dartmouth on the 22nd. Has written the Commissioners as to the plundering of the men-of-war lately taken, and suggesting a remedy; believes that it will cost the State 300*l.* to make good every 30*l.* taken, and that the like abuses exist in the river and other parts.	95, 96
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for cleaning and victualling the Tiger and Hopewell pink at Portsmouth - - -	97
„ „	Geo. Dam, late steward of the *Marston Moor.*	Adm. Com.	Petition that some seamen's clothing, lying in a warehouse at Portsmouth, may be disposed of, so that he may be cleared of all responsibility. On the Marston Moor's going to the West Indies, these clothes were put on board by Vice-Adm. Goodson, but being disliked by the seamen, were brought back, and put where they now are. With order thereon to the Navy Commissioners to remove them, or show cause to the contrary, and to pay for their warehousing.	98

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1656. April 14	Capt. Ric. Rooth, *the Dartmouth, Dover Pier.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for favours. Has come in to refit and victual, and hopes to sail by the 18th	Vol. 138. 99
” ”	Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Adm. Com.	All the blocks made by Jos. Munds and Jno. Beake, blockmakers, have for the last 20 years been measured by breadth only, and been so allowed by successive Navy Commissioners, who have signed bills for them.	100
” ”	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Sends account of 200 barrels of powder received from London, also of some that has been in the garrison 8 years, with the marks and quality of each barrel; asks a change of what is defective. 2 ounces of the old powder carried a 9 lb. bullet out of a little mortar 300 paces, whereas what is marked as bad did not carry it above 100 paces.	101, 102
” ”	Capt. Will. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the condition and stations of the Downs squadron. Has had much foul weather, and pirates are not so numerous upon the coast.	103, 104
” 15	Augustine Aldridge, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Has been to Bristol with Mr. Shewell, and drawn a bill on them for 100*l.*; hopes payment, as he cannot else carry on the work of felling, squaring, sawing, and carriage of the timber in Dean Forest.	105
” ”	Sub.-Comrs. for Prize Goods, *Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of a little sloop of one gun, sent in by Capt. Sansum; ask orders as to her disposal, as several wish to buy her.	106
” ”	Committee for Preservation of Customs.	Robt. Blackborne.	Order to deliver to Barth. Beale, auditor of the imprests, the quarterly bills for officers' salaries, of which they send a list, that he may pass the accounts of Sir Chris. Pack, Chas. Lloyd, and Walter Boothby, late Commissioners of Customs. With receipt by Rich. Skipwith, clerk to Auditor Beale, for them, 24 April.	107–109
” ”	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is in hand with the Raven, but wants officers for her, and recommends Jno. Vasey for the command and Benj. Adams for gunner. Capt. Potter's prize will also be useful if refitted. Particulars of ships.	110
” ”	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Catwater, Plymouth.*	”	Recommends Timothy Clampe, master's mate as master, his master having the command of the prize he [Potter] took.	111
” ”	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Great President, Hope.*	”	The delay in sailing arose from the refitting being hindered by extremity of weather, having to press seamen, and waiting for stores; 30 barrels of powder are still wanting from the Tower. Desires that the Nonsuch may ply with him to the northwards, in place of the Pearl, so that he may receive his bedding, left on his hasty removal from her.	112
” ”	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Harwich.*	”	Will repair to his former station as ordered. The Portsmouth and Pearl are ashore tallowing	113

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1656. April 15	Capt. John Woolters, *Leith.*	Adm. Com.	Sends Thos. Fleetwood the storekeeper's receipt for provisions delivered at Leith for the forces in Scotland. Will prosecute their instructions on the coast; his victuals are nearly spent.	Vol. 138. 114
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to take an assignment from Major Browne of the lease of the great store and barge house, and the wharf adjoining the old Dock at Chatham, for 14½ years for 350*l.* for the use of the Ordnance Office, the major retaining a little wharf on the south side of the dock; also nullifying a former order for erecting sheds in lieu thereof. With their reply, stating performance, and recommending Browne as storekeeper; he agreed to the terms in hopes of this appointment.	115, 116
„ „	Major Neh. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Edw. Hopkins.	Suggestions for appointment of boatswains and other officers for the Essex and other ships -	117
„ „	Eliz. Cowper, *London.*	„	Finding their letter required her husband's speedy return, sent it to him next post, but has no reply; hopes his business may be delayed, as he intended to be in London in 14 days.	118
„ „	Thos. Pointer, *Speaker, off the Southward Cape.*	Navy Com^rs	Hears there are 28 Spanish sail, 3 whereof were men-of-war, gone to the West Indies with many soldiers on board, and 30 sail are lying at Pointvall, but no preparations made for fitting them out. Many soldiers have been drawn down to Cadiz, and so along the coast. 4 of the Plate ships have come home, but 3 of the richest have been cast away. The English fleet lie off the Southward Cape, and although they have had bad weather, all are in good condition. It is thought the French will have something to say to Naples.	119
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorogood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a post label, showing the delay of the postmasters in forwarding on their letter to him, by which he lost a day, and was prevented launching a vessel as desired this tide, but hopes to do it the next, when she will sail with the small vessels under her convoy, as also one of London from the Straits. The Essex has been tallowed and wants a boatswain and some men.	120
„ „	Major Jno. Wade, *Little Dean.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Thanks him for searching the post office for his letter, the loss of which has given him much pain and trouble; it has been received. The purveying of timber does not go on well, for want of money to pay the workmen. Gave the purveyor 100*l.* as ordered, and he has had another 50*l.* on a bill of exchange.	121
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will give Capt. Baker their letter when he arrives, and send him to Portsmouth. As there is such a great need of convoys, cannot keep any of the squadron in the Narrow; it would be too much to mention all the chases our frigates have had after the pirates, and only lost them through wind and weather. Last Lord's day the Sparrow pink and Hawk ketch chased one from Beachy, half seas over, but she rowed from them, although the Hawk rowed with 12 oars, and had her own boat, with the pink's boat, towing her; is much troubled that none of them have yet been taken, when the utmost endeavours have been used.	122
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	The Cheriton is launched, asks what men she is to carry; is in hand with the Dunbar, but is short of men.	123

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1656. April 16	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne	Wants a note of the number of men the Dunbar and Cheriton are to carry, that the Commissioners may give order to the victuallers to send down the provisions.	Vol. 138. 124
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several hoys bound for London to the Shoe Beacon, and left them there, and then plied about the Ness for pirates. Took a vessel of Rotterdam with wine and brandy, and left her in custody of the governor of Landguard Fort; hearing of another pirate up the Swinn, took 9 more vessels under convoy as high as the Shoe, and then made for the Thames.	125
„ 17	Capt. Ben. Gifford, governor of *Landguard Fort.*	„	After Capt. Country had chased and left the sloop on shore near Orford, the rabble of the country broke her up for firewood, and only a cable, two sails, and a broken mast have been found; will order them to be brought to Harwich if commanded.	126
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	„	Since their being at Deptford, has looked into the complaint against the commander of the Cullen, bound to the southward fleet; and having visited her, finds she has been waiting to stow the bread and beer, but will sail to-morrow for Gravesend, and be ready to proceed to sea.	127
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To like effect. There would not have been so much delay, had not the captain of the Cullen had to come up for his bill of imprest to pay his bills, which, as yet, he cannot procure; this being paid, he has nothing to do but to discharge his debts for the ship and sail. This man is diligent, and a good husband of time, and has no design to spin out time.	128
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Particulars of ships. The Norwich and 3 others have sailed with their convoys for Holland.	129
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, the *Wexford, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has been chasing several vessels, and forced one on shore, when the captain and crew of 18 persons fled into the country with their arms; but being pursued by his company, 7 men were taken and delivered to the constables. For the better security of the vessel, he heaved her up with a crab near Beachy Point. Chased another to within two leagues of Calais, when, the wind changing, was forced to give over and make for the Downs; will proceed to his former station.	130
„ „	Thos. Jones, Saddler, *Fleet Street.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks help for a poor Christian friend who, not being able to follow her calling, is in a very low condition.	131
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Examined the accounts, as stated, of Thos. Lawes, deceased, and Wm. Bodham, his successor, deputy treasurers to the fleet lately sent to the West Indies under Gen. Penn, and find Lawes was debtor for 8,000*l.*, and creditor for 7,901*l.* 14*s.* 9½*d.*, and Bodham debtor for 6,781*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, and creditor for 6,692*l.* 19*s.* 7½*d.* Lawes' balances should be defalked from his pay, and Bodham should pay in his.	132
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Wells.*	„	Has 30 Yarmouth and other vessels under convoy, and waits, by advice of Major Burton, for those from Wells, when he will proceed to the place appointed.	133

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. April 17	Thos. White, mayor, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a deposition, made before him and Jno. Price, jurate, by Chas. Hunt and Wm. Woolstone, mariners of Dover, that Capt. Wilde arrived from Zante, informed them that while off the North Cape, he passed a fleet of 26 sail, including 6 Dutch men-of-war and 5 Dunkirkers, bound for Dunkirk with plate and other rich goods for the King of Spain, and that they might very shortly be expected this way. Has sent a copy to the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs.	Vol. 138. 134, 135
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	,,	The Dartmouth, at Dover, shall proceed to Rye, as ordered. If Colman's pink, and a 4th or 5th rate were to ply between the Wight, Portland, and the Start, they might convoy vessels on their way to and fro, as all the Downs' squadron are continually in action. Sent the Cat pink with a convoy for Calais, and there are several vessels in the Downs bound to the Wight, one having guns for Portsmouth. Asks whether to appoint the Reserve as a convoy; she is not so leaky as formerly; has only her, the Wexford, and Gainsborough, and the two latter are about to sail. Desires instructions on a deposition sent to him by Thos. White, mayor of Dover.	136
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Has considered Mr. White's information as to the pirates bound for Dunkirk, and as to surprising them, but cannot venture forth without order, and no time should be lost. Is now under sail with the Reserve, Wexford, and Cat pink, and will take any other men-of-war he meets with, and ply in the Narrow. Intends, by consent of the commanders in the Downs, to bring the whole fleet there, and if not willing, to fight them.	137
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for victualling the Cheriton for 3 months, for 90 men, or longer, if there is sufficient stowage room.	138
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for cleaning the Hind ketch at Woolwich, and victualling her for two months - -	139
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Col. Anth. Rous' son for money disbursed by his father in impressing seamen, according to an account sent.	140
,, 18	,, - -	,,	Order to examine the accounts of Major Jno. Miller for impressing seamen, as also his accounts of decayed stores sold out of the Tower, a portion of the proceeds of which he has paid to the Navy Treasurer; and after allowing him his disbursements, and balancing what he has in hand, to give him a discharge.	141
,, ,,	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Boost was much troubled on hearing they thought he had wasted time; he endeavoured to get up with the London ships several times, but could not until the 13th, since which he has made all haste with them to the Thames, and hoped to return to Hull by the 18th, to take charge of the Amsterdam ships, who are drawing out, so as to fall under his protection. Considers him a diligent and careful man.	142

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. April 18	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Examined the captain and officers of the Primrose, cast away near the 7 Stones, between the Land's End and Scilly, and found them unanimous in one relation; but for better satisfaction, desired the Committee of the Trinity House also to examine the premises and report; think there was no neglect either in the officers or company, the place where she miscarried being a rock not visible nor described in any plat they can find. With report of the Trinity House Committee 5 April alluded to, and examinations of John Sherwin, captain, and the officers of the Primrose, 31 March and 5 April.	Vol. 138. 143–149
„ „	Capt. Hum. Felstead, *Marigold flyboat, Plymouth.*	„	Meeting with foul weather since leaving Portland, has put into Plymouth Sound with his company of 6 sail, and was glad they had such a port under their lee, but will proceed the first opportunity; other ships named have also been forced in.	150
„ „	Capt. Tho. Morris, *Plymouth.*	„	Convoyed several vessels for St. Malo and Morlaix, by order of Commissioner Hatsell and Capt. Parker, and chased an Ostend man-of-war, but he got amongst the rocks and escaped. Cannot obey their order to convoy some vessels through the Soundings to the fleet, having neither men nor provisions sufficient. Turned some of his men over to the General in Torbay. His gunner having died, desires his mate may succeed him.	151
„ „	Capt. Rich. Parker, *Plymouth.*	„	To like effect. Although he and Capt. Morris discharged 100 guns a-piece at the Ostender, he got away. Asks whether still to keep company with Morris or return to his station; wants a purser.	152
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Catwater, Plymouth.*	„	Arrived with the New England ship with the masts on the 16th; has tallowed, and would have sailed eastward to-morrow, but receiving their order to come to London, will ride post in the morning.	153
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	„	Recommends Capt. Salmon for command of the Elizabeth, as he has long waited; desires their pleasure speedily.	154
„ 19	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, at Sea.*	„	Meeting the Hopewell pink, has taken her with him for a few days, hoping to meet those bound for Dunkirk; as there is a fog, hopes they have not yet passed by. Since the Hunter, who brought the news of their being off the North Cape, is as fast a sailer as any frigate in England, that fleet may not reach here for the next two days. Spoke a Hollander from Rochelle, who said that one of our State's frigates brought in a Biscay man-of-war of 18 guns to St. Martin 10 days since. Has taken a pilot in case he chases them near their own port, that he may follow them the nearer; will keep well westerly, so that if he should fall amongst them, he may have the longer dispute. Sent to the captain of Deal Castle to advise all the small vessels in the Downs to ride under command, and hopes, if any of the State's frigates come in, they may repair to him. Hopes what he is doing is approved, as nothing troubles him more than the want of positive instructions.	Vol. 139. 1

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. April 19	Capt. Rich. Rooth, *the Dartmouth, Dover Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has received theirs, countermanding a former order to proceed to Rye to transport the Honourable Col. Lockhart and his retinue to Dieppe, and will now seek for Capt. Whitehorn. Begs 3 extra guns and a cable, long since demanded.	Vol. 139. 2
" "	Capt. Ben. Gifford, *Ipswich.*	"	There is a small vessel at Ipswich with 12 pipes of Spanish wine, and although Capt. Country may assert he left it in his custody, the right of seizure has yet to be settled between them, inasmuch as it was his boat and men that boarded and brought her from where she anchored. By advice of the Commissioners of Customs, has put the business into the Exchequer, nevertheless if there is any other way to settle it with advantage to the State, shall be glad to adopt it. 10 pipes of wine have been taken out, the better to see what was in her.	3
" "	John Goodsuffe, *Plymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Certifies Capt. Parker's vigilance in convoying him with the Exchange of New England and other vessels to Plymouth, and rescuing them from the enemy, who gave chase, but had to fly. Asked a convoy to Kinsale, where he is going to settle with his wife and all that he has, but as the Paradox is bound there, will go with her.	4
" "	Capt. Ant. Rively, *Vulture.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the command of the Vulture; hopes to be at sea in 14 days - - - -	5
" "	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Hope.*	"	Has received 30 barrels of powder from the Ordnance Office, and intended to sail to-morrow with the convoys bound northwards, but will now proceed to the Downs as ordered, and ply between Dover and Calais; has ordered the Nicodemus and Pearl to convoy the vessels, as also those bound for Boston, Hull, Newcastle, and Leith. Damaged.	6
" "	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Dover.*	"	Sailed from Spithead with 11 convoys on the 17th, and meeting the Gainsborough looking for the fleet, gave him intelligence of 18 sail being 6 leagues off, who shot at least 40 guns, 2 every glass. Wondered at their shouting, but supposes it was on account of the fog; after seeing his convoy safe to the Foreland, will proceed to them and render any assistance needed.	7
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting and setting forth the Woolfe prize, brought into Plymouth by the Constant Warwick, which is to carry 70 men and 16 guns.	8
" "	Thos. Spriggs, *London.*	—	Certificate of receipt by Thos. Gilbert of the Cullen, from Capt. Alderne, of provisions specified, to be divided between Generals Blake and Montague.	9
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Although he has not received all his provisions, will hasten into the Narrow, and has desired the Pearl to do the same, that they may sail together.	10
" 20	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Chester Water.*	"	Went to Kinsale, where he was ordered by the Council of Ireland to fetch all the maimed soldiers from Cork to Dublin; has now been sent to Chester for the money for pay of the forces in Ireland.	11

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. April 21	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several vessels for Flushing, with the Drake and Eaglet ketch; chased two Dunkirkers, who had taken a Swede by putting out English colours and offering to convoy her to the Downs, and made her commander and men prisoners; but meeting him, they were forced to restore them into their vessel, abandon her, and make their escape, one of them throwing his boat overboard to lighten her. Picked up a boat with 4 Swedes and two others, and left them with their ship in charge of the Commander-in-chief until further orders; will sail for Chatham to-morrow.	Vol. 139. 12
„ „	Capt. Jno. Best -	„	Is sorry they are angry with his long stay in the Humber with the ships under his convoy, but the wind being at N.E. and stormy, could not get out; the ships will now not hear of his leaving them, and the colliers are angry because he is attending the Hull fleet; asks positive instructions, as he would not wait for father or brother if otherwise ordered.	13
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	The appointment of 4 of the State's vessels as convoy for Rotterdam and Amsterdam has given some content, but there are 500 sail waiting at Newcastle for a convoy, and 2 others bound for Holland, which are ordered to go to Harwich for convoy, but there is more danger going from Yarmouth to Harwich than from thence to Holland; 4 pirates have lately taken 3 hoys in sight of Yarmouth, and no place in England more needs a man of-war to lie in the Roads to do the State service than this. If some speedy course is not taken, all trade will be stopped, and the customs and excise come to nothing. Has been again importuned by the owners and masters of the mackerel fishery, who say they will be undone without a convoy, there being several men-of-war on their fishing grounds; they would not leave him until he promised to write again, and they have no one to complain to but himself.	14
„ „	Jo. Cruso, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for past favours; they will be entirely undone unless some convoys are appointed, desires he will move the Admiralty Commissioners for some redress. There are 4 Flemish men-of-war riding near Lowestoft who have lately taken 3 laden vessels from the southward, and there are several vessels at Rotterdam and other places, besides a fleet of colliers at Newcastle, who dare not stir without convoy.	15
„ „	Mathias Hatton -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends his account for compasses and glass supplied to the stores at Chatham, amounting to 35*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* and begs payment; was at much expense while there.	16
„ „	Thos. Johnson, Alex. Blowers, bailiffs off *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	Begs that the Hind ketch, commanded by Capt. Country, may be ordered to lie upon the coast again, to prevent the taking of ships by pirates from Dunkirk, who are very numerous, and take them daily.	17
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends account of iron ordnance sold by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, with particulars of the weight and price of each piece, and the names and addresses of the purchasers. Total, 2100*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*; also a debtor and creditor account.	18
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon -	„	Hopes their favourable construction of his proceedings in fitting out his vessel; the work has been delayed through Mr. Callis taking all the hands to assist in launching the great ship. Asks a press warrant.	19

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. April 21	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Tiger has sailed for the Downs; is in hand with the Essex, which will want officers. Mr. Child, deputy treasurer, has recommended a master.	Vol. 139. 20
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	„	Has sent the Cat pink as convoy to the Brighton fishery and adjacent places, and when the Redhorse pink arrives, will send her to their help. The Advice has brought in a Swede taken from the Dunkirkers; encloses an account of the movements of the Downs squadron. Has appointed the Wexford and Hopewell pink as convoy to the ships bound westward; 3 or 4 good sailers on the coast of Flanders would do much good.	21
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Newberry, deputy storekeeper of the ordnance at Portsmouth, for 42*l.* for disbursements in the sale of iron guns, which realized 2100*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*	22
„ 22	„ - -	„	Order for felling and converting into plank 150 beech trees standing in the New Forest, for building the new ship at Woolwich.	23
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay off the officers and company of the Primrose, reserving the wages of the captain and master.	24
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to allow 10 more men to the Truelove to make her number 50 - - - -	25
„ „	Jacob Bryan, *Plymouth.*	Col. Kelsey	Recommends Jno. Burton as purser for the Woolfe prize at Plymouth - - - -	26
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters to Capt. Best, who has been very active in convoying the Hull and other ships, and sailed again this morning as a convoy for Amsterdam.	27
„ „	Capt. Ben. Gifford, Governor of *Landguard Fort.*	„	The goods written about are now owned by Mr. Bedford of London, who intends freeing them by a writ of delivery; has good cause to prevent this, and hopes they will put a caution in against it, that the business may be further examined.	28
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Distributed their commissions and warrants, and has sent Capt. Grove to Capt. Whitehorne in the Narrow, with their letter relating to the Dunkirk ships homeward bound from Cadiz; has also told Capt. Potter that if he meets the Holland fleet while convoying the victuallers, he is to leave the latter and follow that fleet into the Narrow. Is about proceeding to Dartmouth to attend the sale of the linens, as the other Commissioners cannot act without him, but will leave all necessary instructions for the ships. Has appointed Timothy Clampe master of the Constant Warwick, and recommends Jno. Burton as purser.	29
„ „	„ *Dartmouth*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Has began the sale of the linens, and hopes to conclude by Friday. Gave Capt. Potter orders to convoy the victuallers, to ply in the Channel, and to follow the Dunkirkers if he met with them; and when off Dungeness, to fire some guns so as to give notice to those in the Channel. Hopes they will meet with them, but hears De Ruyter passed Dartmouth with 27 ships 4 days since. Is sorry to hear of the illness of Capt. Alderne; hopes the Lord will restore him, or the affairs of the Commonwealth will be at some loss.	30

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1656 April 22	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for Tim. Clampe's appointment. Will sail with the victuallers for the Soundings with the first wind, and ply in the Channel meantime, and look for the Ostenders expected with the Holland fleet.	Vol. 139. 31
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the vessels bound to the General through the Soundings, also some others from Plymouth and Dartmouth to the Seine Head, by order of Comr. Hatsell.	32
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Jeakin, *Woolfe, Plymouth.*	,,	Thanks for his commission for the command of the Woolfe frigate - - - -	33
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Being informed by Mr. Pett, master shipwright at Woolwich, that some elm plank is needed for the new ship there, desire order to secure 100 or 150 beech trees in the New Forest.	34
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	,,	Send particulars of a survey made of the Fame, and conceive she may be made fit for the service at an outlay of 280*l.*	35
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	The Elizabeth having nearly all her provisions and sails, might sail to-morrow if a captain or master were appointed.	36
,, ,,	Capt. Jo. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Intended launching on Saturday, but the moon changing now, desires order to launch on Monday or Tuesday, and for the charge of the dinner.	37
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will hasten to his station. The Nicodemus passed with her convoys yesterday - - -	38
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	The Tiger has sailed for the Downs, and the Essex will soon be ready to follow, but wants officers.	39
,, 23	Wm. Badiley - -	,,	Asks a bill of imprest; also instructions as to excluding anchors and cables from the inventories of vessels ordered to be sold.	40
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Fenn, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Asks a press warrant, to use when needed; his frigate has not arrived - - - -	41
,, ,,	Thos. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	As Capt. Alderne has had a more comfortable night, there are hopes of his restoration. Asks an order to Alderne to pay moneys according to his advice, until he can do it himself.	42
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As to the freight alleged to be due to Mary, relict of Capt. Greene, of the Green Dragon, slain while his ship was engaged by the State, she has received $\frac{1}{16}$ part, and nothing more is due to her, the balance being due to the other owners.	43
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	The master shipwright and his attendant at Woolwich, on survey of the defects of the Fame, certify that she can be made serviceable at a cost of 280*l.*	44

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1656. Apr. 23	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Advice, Capt. Allwin commander, having arrived at Gillingham, asks what to do with her and her 140 men. The Elizabeth stays for her captain and master; if they do not appear to-morrow, shall order her to the Hope.	Vol. 139. 45
„ „	„	Navy Com^rs	Has ordered the discharge of all the extraordinary men, the 4 ships being rigged and ready to victual.	46
„ „	Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Send the blockmaker's rates of charges; never received a letter thereon from the Navy Commissioners, but only a request from Comr. Pett to explain the rule by which they rated the blockmakers' bills.	47
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Deptford.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Attended at Whitehall yesterday to thank him for favours to his brother, Ben. Gunstone, but found that more serious affairs took up his precious time.	48
„ „	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing, when near Dover, of the Dutch fleet with the Spaniards, left his convoys, and stood over towards Calais, hoping to meet with them; but they passing him in a dense fog, has returned, and when tallowed will re-sail with his convoy.	49
„ „	Capt. John Wager, *Greyhound, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Convoyed 8 vessels for Rotterdam, and chased some Dunkirkers, and has since brought the 14 sail from the Brill, on a request I enclosed from Rich. Stockdale and 13 other masters of ships at the Brill, to convoy them for London. Hears there is a fleet of 50 sail at Holland, but they want men, as most of their men have gone to Flanders to serve. The Lords have issued a proclamation that if they do not return within 6 months, they are to lose their estates, if they have any, and if not, then to be banished.	50, 51
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order for fitting out the Fame prize at Woolwich	52
„ „	„	„	Order for re-fitting and victualling the Advice for 4 months	53
„ „	„	„	Order to make out a bill for 7*l.* to Mat. Kemp, deputy to Solomon Smith, marshal of the Admiralty, for disbursements, as by account prefixed, in seeking and apprehending seamen run.	54
„ „	„	„	Order for re-fitting and victualling the Wexford at Portsmouth	55
„ 24	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Account of supplies to ships; asks a large beef kettle for the Vulture	56
„ „	Capt. Wm. Crispin, *London.*	Col. Jno. Clerke and Mr. Hopkins.	Received 700 Jamaica hides from Capt. Hodges, with order to dispose of them for the use of Gen. Penn, who will give any further information required.	57
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Major Neh. Bourne.	Particulars of ships. As he is much in want of money to defray the charges, and cannot get any one to cash his bills payable in London, desires they will order him some in another way.	58
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Is repairing the Vulture, and will stow what provisions he can, but being short of men, she will not be ready for 10 or 12 days.	59

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1656. April 24	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants a boat to ply on the north coast, and convoy the fleets between Tynemouth and Yarmouth.	Vol. 139. 60
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sent to Dover for a month's provisions for the Reserve, and when received, she will be fit for the Amsterdam service. Has sent the Sparrow to Yarmouth to convoy a ship put on shore at Portland by the pirates, which is much damaged. Particulars of ships. Hears Charles Steuart is in Scotland from a friend who will give notice of his actings there. The Drake and Eaglet ketch, after chasing a pirate, arrived at Flushing, with 9 vessels of much value. As the Ostenders intended to call upon them on their coming out, has ordered the Great President to sail there for their security. As the fishermen of Rye and Hastings do not fish off the Foreland with those of Brighthelmstone, Dover, and the Foreland, hopes they will hasten down the Redhorse pink or other vessels for their better security, their season being now come.	61
" 25	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	"	Will forward their letter for Capt. Farly and one from Col. Clarke for Major Hodden - -	62
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Has been detained by a westerly wind, but will sail the first opportunity with two vessels of value, bound for Barnstaple and Kinsale. Has all necessaries except powder and tallow, which he hopes to obtain in Ireland. His carpenter has deserted.	63
" "	Capt. Hump. Felsteed, *Marigold, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Has come in with his convoy, and Capts. Potter, Strutt, and Morley, and will resail with the first wind.	64
" "	Thos. Gould - -	"	Petition with account for payment of 267*l.* for the transport of passengers and their goods to the West Indies. With reference thereon 23 Nov. 1655 to the Navy Commissioners. Also certificate of Martin Noel annexed, as to the quantity of goods belonging to Commissary Rich. Povey, Gen. Venables, and other officers, and report of the Navy Commissioners, that there were 15 passengers, for whom they have allowed 5*l.* per head, 33 tons of goods at 50*s.* per ton, 82*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, and 16*l.* for transporting a horse for the use of Commissary Rich. Povey, and that 173*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* is the sum due.	65–68
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Send the information of Jno. Wibarne, charging Capt. Wilkinson, of the Weymouth pink, with embezzling stores out of prizes.	69, 70
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Urges for timber to carry on the works of the new ship. Christ. Cole has a hoy full of compas timber at London, which may be secured if 30*l.* or 40*l.* is impressed to him to pay the freight, otherwise it will be disposed of to the merchants.	71
" "	Hen. Quintyn, gunfounder.	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to make and deliver various sorts of iron ordnance, having succeeded in founding such as were never known before, and which have been proved by some of the Ordnance officers.	72

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1656. April 25	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Orkney.*	Adm. Com.	Is sailing with all the fleet under his convoy. Met a fleet of Hollanders with two convoys that came out of Scotland.	Vol. 139. 73
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne	To like effect. Sends an inclosure to Major Burton - - - - - -	74
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Nutt, master of the barges, for 10*l.* 10*s.* for carrying Gen. Blake to Gravesend and the Hope, and Gen. Montague to Lambeth, with the 10 oar barge. With Nutt's bill enclosed.	75, 76
” 26	” - -	”	Like order for 8*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* to Wm. Finch, merchant of London, disbursed by the mayor of Southampton in impressing seamen.	77
” ”	Thos. Eastwood, *Portsmouth.*	Comr. Fras. Willoughby.	Lord Rich. Cromwell objects to the warrant of the Admiralty Commissioners, as not being grounded on any order from Council, and will not allow any trees to be felled in the New Forest upon it, as he is accountable for them; when any are felled the woodwards expect the bark and a part of the lops as their fees. Hopes Mr. Tippetts has informed them respecting the beech and other trees that may be felled in the forest of Beare. With note from the Navy Commissioners referring the case to the Admiralty Commissioners, 28 April.	78, 79
” ”	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is in hand with the Tiger. There are several vessels bound westward waiting for a convoy, also one from Cadiz for London. The Essex and several others require some experienced men.	80
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	”	Will get the Advice into the Hope with all speed. Sends a list by Capt. Young and other officers, of such of her company as agree, and of such as do not agree to do further duty until paid; asks what course to adopt with the leaders, there being 22 willing and 63 unwilling.	81, 82
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs}	Although he promised the company of the Advice their money when the ship arrives in the Hope, they would not agree; if it were not encouraging disobedience, would like to see them all discharged or time given them to repair to their frigate in the Hope. Wants Mr. Shish, and the mast maker of Deptford sent down to survey Capt. Taylor's masts and deals, when Shish can also measure the 2nd rate ship.	83
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	—	Certificate that in 1652 he and others lent guns to ships of war at 10*s.* a month each gun, and were paid, and that he lent the Unity some for 6 months at 12*s.* a month each.	84
” 27	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	His leave having expired, has returned to his command, but finds his ship leaky and foul, having been out 11 months; asks orders. The Ostend and Dunkirk men of war are busy in the Channel; the Bryer, in which he came as passenger, chased 5 of them, but they escaped. Reported it to Capt. Whitehorne, the commander-in-chief, who has sent the Pembroke to find them.	85

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1656. April 27	Capt. Tho. Sparling, *Assistance, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Got down to the Hope, with the assistance of some men from Woolwich, whom he has dismissed. Is in great want of men; none are to be had anywhere near the Hope, the ships coming that way putting their men on shore at Lee Road and elsewhere; desires some one may have order to impress and send him 40 or 50 from London. The man they ordered out of the House of Correction to serve on board came and entered himself, but has not appeared since.	Vol. 139. 86
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Chester Water.*	Col. Thos. Kelsey.	Left his own wife with her sister Goodwin at Cork. Family news. Will ply on his station for 14 days as ordered, but would like a remove. Mr. Washington has come over for Kinsale.	87
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Hears that the money he came over for is not yet ready, and that he is to ply at sea for 14 days; but the wind being contrary, and the place difficult and dangerous, cannot get out. Asked the Council at Dublin for a week to look after the enemies' men of war, until they had notice that the money was ready, but they were certain it would be down by the 20th.	88
,, 28	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower.*	Rob. Blackborne	Sends an order from the Irish Council to sail to Wexford and endeavour to clear the Irish coast and the Channel of pirates. Has convoyed 7 sail from Kinsale to Lundy, and is now under sail. Left the boat belonging to the Primrose with Col. Hunking, Governor of Scilly, having no room to stow her.	89, 90
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The convoys for the mackerel fishery have arrived, which has much refreshed the fishermen; knows not what to answer about the Holland convoy; the Norwich and Yarmouth merchants are daily urging him, their ships being richly laden, and this being their time for trading.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	,,	Being ordered to convoy the Lynn fleet of 60 sail to Newcastle, and his victuals being expended, was forced to take up 20*l.* to obtain a supply. On his return, hears from Capt. Alderne that victuals are provided at Harwich. There are several vessels bound for London; will convoy them so far. Having been at sea 3 months, wants tallowing and refitting.	92
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Cranwill.	,,	Hopes they will find him some employment, and thus add life to his sad heart - - -	93
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Arrival and departure of ships, with particulars of their wants - - - - -	94
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Riveley, *Vulture.*	,,	Hopes to complete his tallowing and refitting by the time the gunner's stores come down. Wants a surgeon.	95
,, ,,	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Portsmouth.*	,,	Perceives they do not approve of his having left his convoys to ply in the Narrow until the wind changed, but did all for the best; is positive the enemies' fleet would not have passed him but for the fog. Will improve every opportunity to answer their expectations.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Sends a letter to Comr. Willoughby from Jno. Humphry and 4 others of Brighthelmstone, for another vessel to protect the mackerel fishery, the pink having been taken by a Dunkirker, and the fishermen being now in great danger through the Ostenders and Dunkirkers under Beech plying about. The Wexford has not yet come in, but the Essex has taken in 16 tuns of beer, and will be ready to sail on Tuesday.	97, 98

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1656. April 28	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Gainsborough*, *Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	The Reserve might be employed as a convoy in case of necessity, but not to carry a person of quality, her pumps being always going; will keep a 5th rate frigate ready to go over with the Envoy for Sweden. Sends an account of the Downs squadron, and other papers. Hears from the Mayor of Hastings that a pink attending the fishermen has been taken, after fighting for two hours, when she made for the shore, but the pirates had shot away her masts, and it is feared killed most of her men. Supposes it is the Cat pink. Always feared that one vessel was not sufficient as a guard; if two are not appointed at every fishing station, the pirates will endeavour their destruction, together with the fishing trade. Has used his best endeavours, by sending out ships named, to range the coast, and will order convoys where he can; there would be much trade done this summer to France and other places, if the pirates were prevented from doing so much harm and disheartening the poor men.	Vol. 139. 99
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	He has hinted like a Christian at the abuse of those men-stealers who, although they may do some good in carrying away those that the nation spues out, nevertheless include many poor innocent souls. Hopes Capt. Sanders may not suffer by his hints until the truth is known, as he does not desire any man's hurt. Sends a letter from Capt. Raber, whom he judges to be very deserving. Will deliver the tickets to Capt. Sacheverell. Has just heard of the taking of a pink off Hastings; unless two men-of-war are appointed at every station, the enemy will do much hurt, as he may see by the weekly accounts.	100
,, ,,	Robt. Willis, *Diver hoy*, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Being ready to sail, desires an order to keep his men from being pressed, as also one to Grassingham and Browne at Harwich, to supply him with a wherry ready manned, so that if he finds his company refractory or negligent, he may discharge and give them tickets, and hire others; also payment of 20*s.* disbursed.	101
,, 29	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure*, *Tynemouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Convoyed the ships from the Humber, and chased some men-of-war on the way, but they escaped. Is making for Scarborough, where he hopes orders.	102
,, ,,	Thos. Bunn, and 2 others.	—	Have viewed 6 brandy casks in Wildman's yard, and find they contain 455 gallons, and were overguaged 53 gallons.	103
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. As the captain appointed to the Raven did not appear, has given Capt. Vessey the command. Will distribute the orders sent amongst the captains, and desires another for Capt. Taylor of the Griffin. Mr. Sandford, Surveyor-General of Excise, investigated the matter charged against the captains last year, and found it arose more from ignorance than wilfulness. The Fagon having brought a Biscay man-of-war into the Sound, several boats went off to purchase the plunder of the sailors; has sent Capt. Elliott and some soldiers to arrest them and protect what belongs to her. Desires a supply of shot either from Portsmouth or Bristol.	104

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1656. April 29	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to water, and hearing there are 5 or 6 men of-war upon the coast towards Galloway, will put to sea at once; wants cables and sails.	Vol. 139. 105
" "	Capt. Thos. Elliott, *Plymouth Sound.*	"	Wrote of having taken a man-of-war of St. Sebastian's, whose men he put on shore at Rochelle; finding 7 ships there bound for London, Bristol, and Ireland, with wine and other merchandize, gave them convoy. Lost his prize yesterday in a fog off the Lizard, but expects her in in a few days.	106
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Norwich, Texel.*	"	Has come in with the Cornelian and their convoy, but will sail with the first wind. A new ship of Walderswick in Suffolk has been brought in by two small Ostenders.	107
" "	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Plymouth.*	"	Was sent from the fleet with a packet, and when off Scilly, was chased by an Ostend man-of-war of 20 guns, which he allowed to come up, when he gave her a broadside and followed her up, but she being newly cleaned, and his ship foul, she outsailed him and escaped.	108
" "	Abr. Pearce, *Indian, Jamaica.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a muster book. The company are in good condition, but lost 3 since coming from England	109
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Sends a demand by Mr. Hayward for cordage, hemp, canvas, &c., as they cannot obtain any more upon credit. Mr. Shish has measured the ship.	110
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, at Sea.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Yarmouth Roads with his convoy, has been in danger of the enemies' men-of-war, some of whom he chased, but they escaped, as he could not leave the fleet of fishers, who were much seattered. Has had very foul weather, split several of his sails, and his men have been very ill; shall not be wanting in care, and in keeping the fishers together.	111
" "	Capt. John Woolters, *Nonsuch, Leith Road.*	"	Went to Holy Island by order of Gen. Monk, to convoy some vessels from thence to Newcastle, and on returning, chased some Dunkirk and Ostend men-of-war, one of which threw his boat and guns overboard to escape. Is now going to convoy some vessels for Norway, but wants masts. The Portsmouth has come in.	112
" 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to John Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, for his pay and entertainment to this date.	113
" "	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	With the Wexford, convoyed 35 sail from the Downs, bound along the coast, by order of Capt. Whitehorn; will prosecute their order, but wants 4 more guns and 5 men, as the enemy is very bold in the Channel.	114
" "	Capt. Ben. Gunson, *Truelove, Spithead.*	"	Went to Plymouth, took command of the Truelove, and sailed to Torbay, to accompany the Bryer with her convoys to the Downs. Met and chased an Ostender, but she was too nimble for him; if he had two more guns and 10 more men, could do better service.	115
" "	Hen. Hughes -	Edw. Hopkins.	Begs influence in his business with the Admiralty Commissioners. By his contract he was to have ready money for his commodity, and on the faith of that, he sold much under value and the current prices. Is now engaged to deliver 80 tons of Riga hemp at the same rate, and has bought a quantity, for which he has to pay ready money; unless he has money out of this week's receipts, he can proceed no further, and will fail in his promises to others.	116

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1656. April 30	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Particulars of the new ship building. Desires more freedom of action in finishing the works; wants white oakum, as he has 50 caulkers at work, and not half a cwt. in store; must send to Gravesend for an immediate supply.	Vol. 139. 117
„ „	Esay Thomas, surgeon, and the company of the *Hopewell pink, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Petition and letter for an exchange into the Wexford or some larger ship, the Hopewell being too small, and unable to defend herself against the pirates upon the coast.	118, 119
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	„	The Wexford and Hopewell have come in with their convoy, also the Truelove; there are now 50 sail ready to go out. Will dispatch the Tiger by Tuesday, if her men attend; there are 50 in the Essex, such as they are.	120
April ?	Sir Jo. Barkstead, Wm. Billers, Edw. Allen.	—	Note that they have sold 7,900 old musket rests at 2*s.* 6*d.* per 100, and 3,000 old scabbards for 5*l.*, and after defraying 10*s.* charges, have 14*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* remaining.	121
April,	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Plymouth.*	Navy Comrs	Having come in for stores, sends two muster books. Will return to his station off Ireland -	122
„	Jas. Moodie - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the purser's place in the frigate building at Deptford. With certificates of Jno. Payler, Ben. Phinnies, Wm. White, and Joseph Amies, of his services as steward and check in the Winsby and Dolphin, and of the loss of his left arm in the fight with the Dutch in July 1653.	123–126
„	Comr. Fras. Willoughby.	„	Report of his surveys made of timber for the navy in numerous parks, chaces, and forests named.	127
„	Wm. Bodham -	Navy Comrs	Has attended a month to pass the contingency accounts of Gen. Penn's fleet for the American expedition, but without success. His mother is ill and desires to see him; begs to finish the business before leaving, or will have to come up 80 miles to do so. Having 72*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* belonging to the State, asks how to dispose of it; has been 7½ months without pay.	128
May 1	Adm. Com. -	„	Wish them to examine by whose default part of the boatswains' and carpenters' stores belonging to the Assurance and Cheriton were left behind on their sailing from Deptford and Woolwich, whereby they have been hindered from proceeding to the Downs, and the service much prejudiced.	Vol. 140. 1
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Finding by Lord Rich. [Cromwell's] letter that only 100 trees are mentioned to be felled, whereas there are two orders for 200 and 250, desires he will insert 250 in the said letter, as plank is needed at Woolwich.	2
„ 2	Corn. Burroughs -	Navy Comrs	Sends a muster book, left out in the packet - - - - - - -	3

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1656. May	3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Busby for 15*l.*, as a gratuity for discovering some goods embezzled by Capt. Cadman out of the Pearl.	Vol. 140. 4
,,	,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the speedy tallowing and victualling of the Roe ketch coming to Harwich, the officers there having been very negligent and remiss of late.	5
,,	,,	,, - -	,,	Order to allow 5 more men on the Hopewell pink, making her complement 50 - - -	6
,,	4	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Nonsuch has sailed for the Downs and the Phœnix for St. Helen's Road. Will order the surveyor to observe their directions as to the tops and lops in the New Forest; hopes the woodwards will perform his lordship's promise to defray the charge of the felling, squaring, and land carriage.	7
,,	5	Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Navy Comrs	Asks payment of expenses in recovering the anchor and cable belonging to Capt. Rooth of the Dartmouth, who had to cut them away through stress of weather.	8
,,	6	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Wexford at Portsmouth, but to reserve three months in hand.	9
,,	,,	,, - -	,,	Order to allow 70 men to be borne upon the Wexford - - - - - -	10
,,	,,	,, - -	,,	Hear from Gen. Monk that the Nonsuch, appointed to guard the coasts of Scotland, has lost both her topmasts; they are to send 6 topmasts by the Sara at Wapping for her and the ship at Leith.	11
,,	,,	Capt. Abra. Allgate, *Drake, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	In coming in with a packet from Capt. Whitehorne; chased 4 Ostend men-of-war, and engaged with one of them for two hours, when they cried for quarter, but she being much shattered under water, could not save her. His ship is so much disabled that his company send a petition enclosed for removal into some other ship, being fearful to remain in this.	12
,,	,,	Hugh Peters - -	Col. Clerke	Recommends Mr. Hodge, of New England, for the command of one of the State's frigates, he having been a master 20 years, and being a very worthy man.	13
,,	,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Navy Office.*	Edw. Hopkins.	Wants hemp and cordage for the stores at Portsmouth; the hoy going to Pevensey for timber might take some.	14
,,	7	Adm. Com. - -	NavyComrs and Navy Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to John Crampton for the time he served as chaplain in the Reserve, though he had no warrant to officiate.	15
,,	,,	S. M. - - -	—	Debtor and creditor account for 400*l.*, expenses of the Mary Ann Francis, and the William and Sarah, &c.	16
,,	,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The Advice and other ships at Chatham are ready for sea, but want sails. The merchants will not sell canvas unless the treasurer promises to pay on delivery, and the same will apply to cordage, hemp, pitch, tar, &c., for which there will be a great want.	17
,,	8	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Particulars of ships. Account of cables, &c., wanting in the stores, and of cables remaining in store.	18, 19

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1656. May 8	Major N. Bourne, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks instructions as to contracting for timber in Hitcham Woods, sold by the late King or his father to the City of London, and now held by Giles Andrews.	Vol. 140. 20
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers	—	Account of powder, shot, and other ordnance stores about to be sent to Portsmouth	21
,, ,,	Nich. Stephens, Thos. Wills, *Lower Shadwell.*	—	Bond in 20*l.* for the appearance of Wm. Sandall before the Navy Commissioners on his return from Newcastle.	22
,, 9	Jonas Shish	Adm. Com.	Dimensions of the William and Thomas, with certificate by Mat. Hayden, that she was hired to carry provisions to the fleet on the 20th April, 1655, and note that she was discharged on the 24th Nov. Also certificate of Fras. Sprigg, of the Victualling Office, 19th May, that her master, Capt. Thos. Bond, has made up his account for provisions received.	23–25
,, ,,	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Comrs	Wants money to proceed with the carriage of the timber, or will have to discharge his men. Drew a bill on them for 100*l.*, and received 50*l.* on account of it from Mr. Shewell of Bristol, but he declines to advance the remainder until it is accepted. Hopes he has given satisfaction, as he left a comfortable living to come into a forlorn wilderness. Major Wade is coming to London, and will wait on them.	26
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Send the dimensions of two second rate ships lately built at Chatham and Deptford	27
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett	Robt. Blackborne.	Spoke to Col. Clerke about his brother Whitton's business, and doubts not, if the thing be seasonably offered, it will have speedy despatch.	28
,, 10	Wm. Warren	Adm. Com.	Begs money; supplied 2,000*l.* worth of timber for ready money, but has only received 200*l.*, though he delivered goods when all others refused except for ready money, and he is now asked for 300*l.* worth more.	29
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Grantham at Deptford, returned from the West Indies, and for her speedy refitting.	30
,, 12	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Has received during the last year 4800 hammocks from Edw. Basse, by order of Comr. Pett	31
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover.*	,,	Has fitted out the Dartmouth and Sparrow, spending 400*l.*, and drawn a bill for 200*l.* which he hopes they will order the treasurer to pay.	32
,, ,,	Edw. Champneys	Adm. Com.	Petition for a lieutenant or purser's place, being recommended by Lord Broghill; with certificates by Capt. Edw. Greene, Thos. Wilson, Rob. Manley, and Jer. Smyth, in his favour.	33–37
,, ,,	Rob. Grassingham and John Brown, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Provisions for ships delivered and required	38
,, 13	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Desires payment of the balance of two bills for 1,650*l.* and 449*l.*, drawn on the Navy Treasurer, for purchasing stores and fitting out ships. Also acceptance of another bill for 600*l.*, and a supply of cordage and masts, as it will be hard to expect him to continue buying, while his bills remain unsatisfied.	39

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1656. May 13	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	To give order for receiving into the stores at Deptford some spikes, iron bars and bolts, which were made at the iron works in Dean Forest, and shipped in the Friendship for the use of the navy; also to certify their usefulness.	Vol. 140. 40
" 15	"	"	Order for a bill to Peter Cole for 17*l*. 10*s*. for seven days' demurrage of the Fraternity ketch, bound for New England, while waiting for Mr. Gookin.	41
" "	Elia Palmer	—	Account of powder received and issued from the ordnance stores in the Tower since the last general survey thereof.	42
" "	Robert Turpin.	—	Account of the expenditure of 18,500*l*. received for sick and wounded seamen.	43
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with several merchant ships under convoy, and hearing there are two richly laden for Hull, which have been waiting 14 days for a convoy, will sail with them, and bring then southward all that are ready. Begs another ship, and hopes they will remember his master, who is well known to Col. Salmon.	44
" 16	Navy Comrs.	"	Desire instructions as to supplying Capt. Farley of the Basing at Milford with sails and two cables, it being at such a remote distance.	45
" "	Ordnance Officers.	"	As Lewis and Thos. Fossan, powder makers, who contracted to deliver 50 barrels of powder into the stores by 19 April last, did not do so until the 3rd May, they have deferred making out their debentures until further order.	46
" 17	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for refitting and setting forth the Lark prize at Plymouth, to carry 50 men and 10 guns.	47
" "	Thos. Wright, *Chatham.*	"	Has not signed the tickets enclosed, as the two men have wives, and there are 5 women who claim the wages. Has, however, signed two, and given them to his clerk of the check for delivery to such as should prove to be the wives.	48
" 19	Saml. Ingram	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of purser, having served as clerk of the check in the Little Charity, as also against the Dutch and in the West Indies, for the last 10 years. With certificates of Col. Thos. Kelsey, and Capts. Robt. Haytubbe, Wm. Whitehorne, and Jno. Geffery.	49–52
" "	Navy Comrs.	"	As the Dunbar at Deptford has only her anchors and cables to receive, ask whether she shall be sent down to Woolwich or lower. With their reply that she should be sent to Woolwich or Chatham.	53, 54
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	To similar effect. Asks order for bringing the Grantham into dock.	55
" 20	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs and Navy Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of Capt. Pittock of the Cat pink and his company, until the time she was lost by being taken prize.	56
" "	Thos. Lewis, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends 2 accounts, by himself and Mr. Powell, of the time when certain ships entered upon their sea victuals.	57
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends 3 tickets signed by Capt. Wright, and his reasons for not doing so before. Wants sails, or canvas to make them, for the Advice.	58

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1656. May 21	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Hope.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants sails. Has been waiting for them ever since he left Chatham, and his convoys have been ready to sail since last Monday.	Vol. 140. 59
„ „	Major N, Bourne, Fras. Willoughby, Jno. Taylor, *Navy Office.*	„	Went to Portsmouth, surveyed the yard, and find that there is convenience for the erection of a dry dock, at a cost of 3,200*l.*, and that it may be extended for 500*l.* more.	60
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	—	Certificate of delivery into the stores by Ben. Gifford, governor of Landguard Fort, of cables, sails, and masts belonging to an Ostender chased ashore at Aldborough.	61
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Mary, relict of Capt. Fras. Greene, commander of the Green Dragon, for $\frac{1}{18}$th part of the hire and freight, while employed in the service.	62
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	—	Contract with Jno. Silk, Jno. Mabbott, Jno. Hodgkins, and Thos. Skinner, for the supply of 2,000 snaphance muskets, at 10*s.* each for ready money, on an order of 19 May 1655.	63
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting and victualling the Dunbar, of 64 guns and 320 men, for service in the channel for 6 months.	64
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out bills to Lieut.-Col. Fras. White, for his disbursements in providing soldiers taken out of 6 regiments named for service in the fleet with clothes, allowing at the rate of 16*s.* 2*d.* a head, which is to be defalked out of the soldiers' pay.	65
„ „	Thos. Scott - -	„	The Dunbar will be ready to sail next tide, but will want seamen, as will also the Grantham, on which much work has yet to be done.	66
„ 24	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Surveyed the New England masts at Chatham, but there are none fit for the new ship; wants them from Deptford, and also 30 loads of fir timber, and an order for painting the new 2nd rate ship; Mr. Isaacson refuses to do it without, and Comr. Pett declines to add to the contracts.	67
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Downs.*	„	Will send their letter to Capt. Coleman of the Elizabeth. His purser's neglect in not sending the muster book, was from being fully occupied in getting provisions on board from Dover for the supply of other ships, as they may want them. Will order a convoy for the Primrose in the Downs, laden with hemp for Portsmouth.	68
„ „	„ „	—	Certificate of the diligence of Mr. King, postmaster at Deal, in sending packets for London and Dover, and giving notice of their arrival to the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs, by making fires.	69
„ 26	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm . m.	Send the accounts of Major Jno. Miller; he is indebted to the treasurer 27*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, on account of decayed provisions sold in the Tower.	70
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sent what sails he had to the Advice, and hopes they will provide what are wanting. Will send an account of the ground reserved for Major Bourne at the old Dock next week.	71
„ „	John Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Particulars of ships' stores - - - - - - - - -	72

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1656. May 27	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	To like effect	Vol. 140. 73
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	”	Sends plan of a portion of the old Dock	74
” 28	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hears by the captain of the Drake, sent from Capt. Whitehorne, that 22 sail of the enemy fought with and took 10 ships from Amsterdam bound for London; also a Dutch ship that was convoying them. Capt. Whitehorne is going to Flamborough Head to protect the colliers. The Preston has come in to victual, and the Advice with her convoys, which she has delivered to Captain Wager.	75
” ”	Navy Comrs.	”	Have sold the 5 decayed Flemish ships by the candle to Thomas Gould, Capt. Thomas, and John Taylor, for 2,183*l.*	76
” ”	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	”	Has been attending the fishers, and has brought in two North Sea boats, which he took from a pirate. The enemy have taken several of the northern fishing boats, of which he had 36 under the charge of his squadron; they might have all come home with him but for their stubborness; nevertheless is sorry for their loss. His surgeon having to speak to the purser, who was on shore procuring provisions, and in drink, was much injured by him; asks how to act. Is ordered by Major Burton to ply off to sea until their answer arrives.	77
” 29	J. Fowler, *the Essex, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has been on board the Dunbar at Deptford; she is a gallant vessel, although he has seen better accommodation for half deck cabin, which is the utmost he can aspire to if ever in her. Visited Capt. Poole, to whom he is allied; he is jealous of some one having done him an injury, but hoped to clear himself, if allowed a hearing.	78
” 30	Augustin Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has received the balance of his bill of exchange from Mr. Shewell, and hopes to have a good quantity of timber at the place of lading speedily, but being at the expense of 10*l.* a day for carriage of timber, besides the workmen's wages in the woods, will be forced to charge another bill on them. Will send an account of his proceedings at the end of the quarter; as Major Wade, who has been very earnest in his employment in the Forest, is coming to London, they will do well to give him a hearing.	79
” ”	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Came in to revictual, and brought in two vessels he rescued from the enemy. Will resail to-day, bring home what North Sea fishers he can find, and clear the coast on his way, as there are 400 sail waiting at Newcastle for a wind, and 100 light ships have lately passed by. His surgeon, who was stabbed by the purser, is doing well, but fears he will lose the use of part of his right hand; will secure the purser when he comes on board until further order.	80
” 31	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning and revictualling the Preston for 5 months	81
” ”	”	—	Order that a receipt enclosed, of Jno. Browne, storekeeper at Harwich, from Ben. Gifford, governor of Landguard Fort, of cables. sails, &c., which belonged to an Ostend sloop, chased on shore at Aldborough by Capt. Rich. Country of the Hind ketch, be transmitted to the Navy Commissioners, to be put to the storekeeper's account.	82, 83

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	Refer-ences.
1656. May 31	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Will buy and ship the provisions ordered for Jamaica, and rely on them for money for payment. Particulars of a former estimate for supply of 4,000 men for 6 months.	Vol. 140. 84
,, ,,	Navy Comrs - -	,,	Can only hear of one nimble ketch fit for the service required, which is new, and may be had for 20*l.* a month, the State finding victuals, men, and ammunition.	85
June 1	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Brought 200 sail of small colliers from Newcastle and Sunderland, in company with the Weymouth pink. Spoke Capt. Whitehorne's squadron off Flamborough Head, and heard from Capt. Sansum that a great fleet of Ostenders and Dunkirkers had put to sea. Is waiting orders from Major Burton.	Vol. 141. 1
,, 2	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Weymouth.*	,,	Convoyed 7 sail from Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight to Weymouth, and then plied at sea till forced by weather into Stadland Bay, whence he convoyed 3 from Poole bound for St. Malo and Guernsey. There are 8 sail at Weymouth waiting a convoy, but shall observe their instructions and proceed no further until the arrival of the Tiger.	2
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Bernard, *Scarborough Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the post label of the Admiralty Commissioners' letter for the captain of the Gainsborough, so as to show the time it was received by the different postmasters; has directed the postmaster at Scarborough to dispatch his reply, as also given Col. Salmon an account of the receipt and delivery of all letters from the frigates. The Gainsborough and her squadron are taking in water in the roads.	3
,, ,,	Jno. Child, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived near the appointed time, and having all ready, only waits with the Tiger for wind and weather.	4
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	,,	Has pursued his instructions for the safety of merchant ships in and about his station, and chased a pirate of 4 or 5 guns, but lost her during the night. Desires order to repair and victual.	5
,, ,,	Wm. Cuff, *Minehead*	Col. Clerke	Hopes he will consider the sad condition of the wife and children of Capt. Blake, and endeavour to procure his redemption by exchange of prisoners, as through heavy losses at sea, they are quite unable to do it.	6
,, ,,	J. Fowler, the *Essex, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks some printed copies of the laws of war - - - - - - -	7
,, ,,	Major Peter Murford, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has endeavoured to apprehend Andrew Muncher, the boatman, on the complaint of Capt. Smith, of the Essex, and there being no marshal allowed to the garrison, engaged a soldier and some others for that purpose, but without effect; if he should find him or the boatswain of the Wexford, will want orders as to their disposal. Has spent some time with others in taking account of the naval stores, and will send an abstract.	8

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. June 2	Capt. Jno. Parker, the *Cherrington.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed with Capt. Ashford, of the Hawk, and 3 merchantmen from the Downs for Seine Head; seeing two ships in chase, went in pursuit, and coming up with one of them, found her to be the Eagle of Calais, of 14 guns and 120 men, who was chasing an Ostender of 4 guns and 40 men, which surrendered to the Frenchmen, alleging he could sooner gain his liberty in France than in England. He said that 18 frigates came out with him and had gone westward, beside the 16 that are northward. Chased another, but she escaping, returned to his convoy, and saw them safe into the Road.	Vol. 141. 9
" "	Capt. Rich. Parker, *Bryer, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Will sail with the Griffin for Portland Road to-day, and will send frequent accounts - -	10
" "	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Great President, near Scarborough.*	"	Hears from Capt. Whitehorne that they are much displeased at his coming to anchor in Aldborough Bay; is grieved they should imagine that he would neglect his duty to them or his country, the interest whereof is as dear to him as his life. Sailed from the Downs on 14 May with the Norwich, Sparrow, and several convoys for Flushing and Rotterdam, and meeting much rough weather, sent the Sparrow with those for Flushing, and the Norwich and himself went with those for Rotterdam, whence he brought back 7 or 8 very richly laden, bound for London and other parts. Having seen them safe, plied towards Orfordness, in hopes of meeting with some of the enemy, having heard several guns to windward, and it suddenly becoming calm, was delayed there until the 27th, when Capt. Whitehorne arrived.	11
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Essex, Downs.*	"	Has completed his number of men, and cleared 10 or 12 out of the Wexford and Tiger, who were unserviceable. Thanks for favour to Mr. Wylie, who will make good all recommendations. Hears they intend removing him into the Dunbar; could be content to remain where he is, having had great difficulty in procuring men; but if it must be so, begs his lieutenant may go with him, and 10 or 12 of his men. Has sent a letter to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk as to the release of their men taken prisoners.	12
" "	" "	"	Ordered the Amity to receive all the soldiers from the Essex, as also those put on board the Fagon, put back by contrary winds, and has appointed Captains Pack and Elliot to carry them to Portsmouth. Capt. Parker chased a Dunkirk man-of-war off the French coast, but he ran aboard a Frenchman who was first in the chase. The commander said 16 sail were ordered by the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk to ply between the Wight and Beachy, and 17 sail more to the northwards; and if they missed the Amsterdam fleet they were to meet off Horne Reif, and ply together for the surprisal of our east country fleet. Particulars of ships and account of the Downs squadron. The convoy going with the West India fleet for Holland should afterwards range that coast, and bring the east country ships back with them.	13
" "	Capt. Jno. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send their express on board the Gainsborough as soon as she comes in sight. With draft of an order of the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Treasurer, to pay Martin Noel 7030*l.* for transport of 1200 men to Jamaica, as also for surgeons, 1200 hammocks, &c.	14

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	Refer- ences.
1656. June 2	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Chester Water.*	Adm. Com.	After landing at Dublin the money sent to Chester, had orders to carry Sir Robt. King and other gentlemen of quality to Chester, and is now to carry back Sir Jno. Clatworthy and his family, and Dr. Harris, my lord's chaplain; will then go to Kinsale to tallow and re-victual, and hopes to be able to look out for the men-of-war instead of being confined from one place to another.	Vol. 141. 15
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Jno. Clerke, *Foreign Post House, London.*	Returns an express, as Wm. Swift, attending the lord ambassador [Lockhart], has gone over in the packet boat. Sent it to the postmaster at Calais, but he sent it back, as the ambassador had gone with the King of France to Compeigne, and he did not know how to find him.	16
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *the Gainsborough, Scarborough Wike.*	Adm. Com.	Movements and stations of ships. Is going for the coast of Flanders, and has left the command with Capt. Allen; hopes they will send more ships, as the enemy is very strong. Is sorry to have taken so much care and pains, and yet missed the enemy, but shall do his best for their surprisal.	17
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has arrived with the fishers and 100 ships with coals for London, and is ordered by Major Burton to go to Harwich with them, put the cables on shore, and then return to Yarmouth. Has put the 7 barrels of powder on shore for the use of the garrison. Has had 4 tuns of beer staved, and 6 or 700 cwt. of bread damaged by water.	18
" 3	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	The Navy Commissioners having certified that Gen. Penn refused to appoint a person to join in a survey of the seamen's clothes returned from Jamaica, they caused a survey to be made, and proposed that such as are serviceable should be put on board the State's ships and sold to the best advantage, and the rest put up for sale by the candle. Order that they act accordingly, keeping a distinct account, so that the loss may be charged to the persons concerned. With the survey signed by John Turket and 2 others.	19–21
" "	" - -	"	Order to allow 150 men to be borne upon the Yarmouth frigate, instead of 140 - - -	22
" "	" - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay to Capt. Jno. Sherwin, late commander, and Edward Baron, master of the Primrose, half their wages, reserving the remainder for their neglect of duty on the loss of the frigate.	23
" "	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Leith.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to clean and victual, but no one will be responsible for the charge; desires order to take up money sufficient, and will account for his disbursements.	24
" "	Jno. Blythe and the company of the *Martin frigate.*	—	Certificate that she is very leaky and faulty in her upper works and deck - - -	25
" "	Hen. Bosworth, storekeeper's clerk, *Ordnance Office.*	—	Certificate that he has received 390 pickaxes into the stores, from Giles Cook, blacksmith, upon account of Martin Noel.	26

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1656. June 3	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with 8 sail from Leith, by order of Gen. Monk, and will return to his station to-day.	Vol. 141. 27
” ”	Capt. John Wager, *Greyhound, Leith.*	”	Arrived with his convoys yesterday, and after he has cleaned and victualled, will ply on the coast; but desires order as to disbursements.	28
” 4	Capt. Thos. Gilbert, *Veagas.*	”	On Sunday, 18th May, 4 leagues from Lisbon, hailed a man-of-war with Holland colours, called the Jesus Marie and Joseph, of Ostend, Anth. Snip, captain, who said he was from Flushing; but as he kept to windward, shot at him, when he came within a ship's breadth and fired 26 guns, killing 2 men and wounding 8, the rest running into the hold; he boarded and took our ship, the Cullen, and put 5 of our men on board a Hamburgher bound for Lisbon. Cannot hear for certain how many they killed; some say 9, others 17, and 30.	29
” ”	Capt. Wm. Godfrey and company of the *Marmaduke.*	—	Certify that their ship has a broken keel, and wants a supply of sails and also men - -	30
” 5	Jno. Wouldger, and 9 others.	Adm. Com.	Survey of the Cardiff in America, made by order of Vice-Adm. Goodson, Commander-in-Chief there, that she is totally unable to proceed to sea, and incapable of returning to England.	31
” ”	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their order to take up 50*l*.. but that will go but a little way in carriage of timber; Major Wade would have supplied it, but the clerk of the furnace had gone to Bristol for money; is forced to furnish carriers with money to buy cattle at the fair for carriage. Shall be ready to load any ship when it arrives.	32
” ”	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Milford Haven.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an order of the Council at Dublin of 27 May, directing him to go to Kinsale or Milford to victual, and then return to Dublin. Put into Milford, and will convoy 7 sail thence to Dublin and other ports. Met there the Basing, whose company were on shore in a mutinous condition, and threatening to destroy the victualler. Capt. Pharlow, being much gone in drink, ran out of his lodging and drew his sword upon them, but they, seeing his condition, compelled him to sheathe it, and he has since sailed for Waterford. The Paradox has gone for the Land's End, having left several of her company at Tenby. Capt. Vessey also received orders to go for Chester Water. The relation given concerning him can now be verified by two of his company, who saw the Biscaneer right astern give chase with all the sail he could make. Met her 5 days after, and gave chase from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., when he lost her.	33, 34
” ”	Capt. Jno. Child, *Tiger, Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	In coming from Portsmouth, met many vessels bound for Guernsey, Jersey, and St. Malo; there being several others at Lynn, the Hopewell is going to fetch them, and on joining him at Portland, will proceed to St. Malo.	35
” ”	Navy Comrs. -	”	As the Dunbar at Greenhithe has not above 20 men, desires a press warrant may be sent to the master, or order given for her speedy manning.	36

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1656. June 5	Hen. Powell and 4 others.	—	Survey of the defects and wants of the Selby	Vol. 141. 37
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for directions to enter men necessary for the speedy setting forth of the Grantham	38
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order for directions for victualling the Fame for 4 months for 90 men	39
,, 6	,,	,,	Order for sheathing the Grantham at Deptford	40
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a list of prisoners. Capt. Wilkinson has gone to Harwich with some cables brought from Scotland. There was a fight last Tuesday, which lasted all day, between one of the State's frigates and 5 of the enemy; it is reported that 3 or 4 more joined in it, but whether the enemy or Capt. Whitehorne's squadron is not known, nor the result. Will send the Pearl as convoy to the vessels bound for the Maas, but the merchants want the Wren to go also; their ships being rich, they will not venture with only one convoy.	41
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Elliott, *Fagon, Plymouth.*	,,	Has come in with 4 convoys from the Downs, having discharged those for Lynn, Dartmouth, &c. Has only a month's provisions, but will sail to-night to attend the orders of Commissioner Hatsell.	42
,, 7	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting and victualling the Drake at Harwich for 3 months	43
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order for a bill to Saml. Whittell, for the use of Geo. Dawson, collector of customs at Newcastle, for 10*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by him in recovering anchors and cables lost by the Sun and Sparrow pink off Tynemouth Bar.	44
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Gunson, *Truelove, off Hastings.*	,,	Can only procure 5 of the 10 extra men ordered, they being very scarce. Met Capt. Coleman of the Elizabeth, and is ordered by Capt. Whitehorne to keep his company, with the fishermen of Rye and Hastings, and to follow his instructions. Asks where to revictual and clean, as his ship is very foul.	45
,, ,,	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	While with Capt. Whitehorne off Flamborough Head, received a packet to be delivered at Yarmouth; two fleets of colliers, &c., passing by, was ordered to convoy them as far as Long Sands Head, where he left them, and proceeded to the Downs. Desires order to clean and victual. Begs a remove into the President, as Capt. Sacheverell is dead.	46
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from the captain of the Gainsborough; as she is very leaky, has ordered her to Chatham, and arranged with the master shipwright to give her a quick dispatch.	47
,, ,,	Capt. Antho. Riveley, *Harwich.*	,,	Seeing a frigate in distress upon the Whiting, went to her assistance and found that it was the Gainsborough, and that she had cut her mainmast by the board. Recovered the mast with all the rigging, sails, &c., and will deliver them to Mr. Browne, storekeeper at Harwich, and then return to his station amongst the fishermen. Asks a surgeon, having many sick, and not knowing how soon he may engage with the enemy.	48

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1656. June 7	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The boatswain of the Essex asserts that Hasell was not pressed, as he escaped before they could lay hands upon him; but the truth is, he scoffs at the press, and is very insolent. Has no desire to meddle in such contentions, but if ships are to be fitted, a press warrant must be issued to compel men to serve in the harbour.	Vol. 141. 49
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Aldborough Roads.*	„	Plying between Orfordness and Yarmouth Roads, met a Hollander belonging to Rotterdam, having one of the Lords of Rotterdam, with two letters for the Lord Protector and Council, which he received and delivered to Capt. Jno. Jonson, bailiff of Aldborough. Hearing that there are several Ostend men-of-war on the Holland coast, shall ply for Yarmouth; should have done so before but had to assist in getting the Gainsborough's masts into safety.	50
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Buoy of the Nore.*	„	Hopes his ship may be made serviceable at little charge, but would not venture higher until he knows where she is ordered, being very leaky and short of provisions. The President and Advice are gone for the Downs; the Advice had only one suit of sails, and those much torn in the fight; has lent her a main and foretopsail. Will also send the Dartmouth to the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs.	51
„ 8	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Gainsborough having come in with the Eagle lighter, has ordered out her guns, that she may be hauled on shore, so as to take a better survey of her defects.	52
„ „	Edw. Raddon, *London.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Sends an express received from Yarmouth - - - - - - -	53
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sent the Dartmouth to the Downs, and then sailed for Chatham on board the hulk; will remain there until further orders. Sent to Harwich for the Gainsborough's mainmast and shrouds, saved by the Vulture frigate.	54
„ 9	Capt. David Dove, *Nicodemus, Aberdeen Road.*	„	Has been plying on this station, and convoying vessels northwards. Spoke with several Holland fishermen and others, but cannot hear of any Spanish men-of-war.	55
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Weymouth.*	„	Went to Portsmouth with a convoy, by order of Capt. Jer. Smyth, and landed 60 soldiers belonging to the garrison there, which Smyth brought thence in the Essex; then sailed with 11 vessels bound westwards, and put into Weymouth, where he received their instructions, but found that Captain Sanders of the Tiger had gone for Jersey. Met Capt. Morris of the Sorlings with a great convoy from St. Malo, some of which were of great value; and as he had been on short allowance several days, and wanted to revictual, took charge of this convoy, and having seen them safe to the Isle of Wight, will return to his station.	56
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Amity has convoyed a hoy with hemp for the stores. Spoke to Capt. Pack about convoying her back to Pevensey, where she is to take in timber for Woolwich, but he is ordered westward, and the master of the hoy will not sail without convoy.	57

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1656. June 9	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Essex, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the stations of ships. Believes the 26 men left on board the Dunkirker, who were reported to have left her in the boat to rejoin their ships, were thrown overboard, as the Dunkirkers left in her were arch villains; will send up their examinations. Has the boatswain's mate of the President in irons on board the Essex, for mutiny while drunk, and another for hiding in the bread room during the engagement; asks whether to try them by court martial, or send them up. There is great complaint for want of men.	Vol. 141. 58
" "	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Portland Road.*	"	Has convoyed 18 sail from Dartmouth to the Needles, and will return to his station	59
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Griffin, Portland Road.*	"	Has convoyed 20 sail from Dartmouth to the Isle of Wight with the Bryer, and will now cruise at sea.	60
" "	Devereux Wiatt, *Adventure, Leith.*	"	Has endeavoured to discharge his duties as purser. There has been some discontent amongst the company, but having had several days on shore, they begin to have an inclination for sea again; several have run. As there is no wood to be had, has been forced to purchase coals.	61
" "	Capt. Tho. Wright, *Fame, Woolwich.*	"	Desires an order to carry 24 instead of 20 guns, the ordnance officers having approved of that number.	62
" 10	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to allow 100 men to be borne upon the Fame instead of 90	63
" "	"	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Gainsborough at Chatham	64
" "	"	"	Order to send masts from Chatham to the Downs for the Advice and President, damaged by shot in an engagement with an Ostender, to enable them to keep at sea.	65
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Sends account of his disbursements for fitting ships and impressing seamen to the end of May. Has charged a bill on the treasurer for the balance 328*l.*, but his bills already charged, 450*l.* part of the April account, and 600*l.* on 13 of May, are yet unpaid, and several works upon ships named are not included; has also another bill for 279*l.* 15*s.* for purchase of gunners' stores, for which he has sent the ordnance officers an account. Has bought 7 tons of cordage at 42*s.* per cwt., and having promised payment in a month or 6 weeks, desires his bills may be accepted and paid.	66
" "	" "	Col. Clerke.	The Sorlings and Otter have come in, with 22 sail from St. Malo. They met some Ostenders on the French coast, who had taken a Guernsey vessel, which the Otter rescued. The Sorlings wants repairing and a supply. Recommends Edw. Ireland as boatswain of the Fagon.	67

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1656 June 10	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed several vessels to St. Morlaix and St. Malo, by order of Comr. Hatsell, and brought 23 back; meeting Capt. Peake of the Amity of Lynn, with a convoy bound westward, exchanged charge with him, and saw his convoy safe to Plymouth, where he is going to clean and tallow. Has had during the voyage the company of Capt. Otter, who was very diligent and is worthy of employment.	Vol. 141. 68
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Gainsborough has arrived, and will require docking to survey her defects. Can spare some tons of black oakum and rope for the stores at Deptford and Woolwich if required, but wants tar and hemp himself. With survey of the Gainsborough's sails, and note of canvas required in store.	69–71
„ 11	„ „	Adm. Com.	Has docked and taken out the Gainsborough's masts, and will survey her this evening. Fears she has received much wrong, as her stern post is broken asunder above water. Asks what to do with her men.	72
„ „	„ „	„	Finds the Gainsborough is not so bad as was expected, and if repairs mentioned are performed, she may be launched by Tuesday.	73
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To similar effect. Desires order to the storekeeper at Harwich to redeliver her masts, shrouds, and rigging, carried there by the Vulture.	74
„ „	Jno. Davies [*Deptford.*]	Mr. Cooling.	Asks him to inform the Commissioners that the 6 tons of black oakum and 40 coils of rope that can be spared at Chatham will be useful for Deptford, and the other rope for Woolwich.	75
„ „	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Essex, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey of the masts of the Advice and President, as they are unfit for service; desires order to send the ships to the Hope to be supplied. Has debated with the other commanders as to their granting only $\frac{1}{3}$rd of the seamen's allowance to the prisoners, but as that would be only 3 ounces of pork and $3\frac{1}{4}$ bread daily, have allowed them half. Wants a master and chaplain for the Essex.	76
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Gainsborough as soon as she is refitted and arrives in the Hope, reserving the last three months' pay as usual.	77
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning and victualling the Truelove at Portsmouth for 3 months - - -	78
	„ - -	„	„ „ „ Wren pink at Harwich „ - - -	79
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Wm. Whitehorne for 20*l.*, allowed for extra charges and disbursements in the Downs.	80
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board the Drake and will dispatch her this week. Has nearly finished the business of the timber to be had from Hitcham; there will be many trees felled shortly fit for the navy. The Gainsborough's masts, rigging, and sails being cut away, have been saved and brought into Harwich; will send up what is useful to Chatham.	81

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1656. June 12	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As the Drake will soon be ready, has ordered her to take in her ordnance in the Downs, that she may not have to lie by till supplied from London. It was a wonder the Gainsborough got off the sands; the pilot's pay should be suspended and the miscarriage inquired about, for she is much damaged.	Vol. 141. 82
" "	Alex. Frethey, *Advice, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Asks the command of a ship, having served as a master since 1649, been in 4 engagements with the Dutch, and nearly lost the use of his hands in the last, under Sir George Ayscue, near Plymouth.	83
" "	Capt. Robt. Legard, *Scarborough Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Forwarded their letter to Capt. Bernard by the Portsmouth, which passed with a fleet from the North, but cannot hear anything of the Preston. A fleet or two of coal ships passed this day.	84
" "	John Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	"	Received the letters for Capts. Robinson, Sansum, and Whitehorne, and if they do not come in, will return them. Hears from a Berwick merchant that there was a fight off Ferne Island between a large ship and 4 others, which lasted several hours, when the former blew up and sunk, and the rest put to sea together; it is feared she is the Preston, although others say that it was one of the enemies' ships that sank, and that they took ours away with them.	85
" "	Capt. Robt. Robin-the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with 7 fishers; has been on short allowance 6 days, although he told the purser to lay in sufficient to last the time, but will make it hold, although with much difficulty; shall expect another purser at Harwich to-morrow. The surgeon is mending, but will lose part of his hand. Two frigates should lie between Orfordness, and the Willings, the Maas, and Yarmouth Roads, as they will fall in with the enemy coming from the North Seas, and also be able to assist in convoying ships between Holland, the East country, and England.	86
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Has furnished Capt. Wilkinson with 3 weeks' provisions, and he has gone to secure the coal fleet, taking 40 sail with him. The Preston has come in with 7 sail of fishers from the North Sea, which much refreshed the inhabitants, as they had given him up for lost. Delivered their packet to Capt. Robinson, who has gone to Harwich to clean and victual; as he had little victuals, having been on short allowance for some days, delivered him 50 lbs. of cheese, ½ a firkin of butter, and 6 lbs. of candles; he had not a piece of beef on board. Asks whether to supply ships so situated, as he has to pay ready money, and has no private ends to serve. As the purser of the Preston has been turned out, will send Capt. Allard [Alderne] an account of the victuals he has had, so that it may be stopped.	87
" 13	Augustin Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks orders as to lading the ships sent by Mr. Baylie, of Bristol, with timber, when they arrive; knows not where it is to be carried to.	88
" "	Capt. Ben. Gifford.	Col. Salmon.	Has waited 6 weeks in town to get the business of supplies perfected; is much wanted at home.	89

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1656. June 13	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has appointed the Griffin to carry their packet to the Generals, and Capt. Parker, of the Bryer, to accompany her 150 leagues, and then to join the Constant Warwick and Wolf. The Sorlings will be ready to sail on Tuesday; has advised Capt. Norris to procure 15 or 20 men more, and proceed to the Soundings with three others; when the Lark returns from St. Malo and Morlaix with her convoy, will send her to join them. Particulars of ships.	Vol. 141. 90
„ „	Thos. Loddington, *Whitehall.*	„	Capt. Aiderne having bought some oil of Mr. Jaggar for the present expedition, the Prize Commissioners retain it for non-payment; but if the Commissioners will order its delivery to Capt. Alderne, he will pay the money.	91
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame.*	„	Desires order for delivery of two sackers of 15 or 16 cwt., lying at Woolwich, as the minions ordered will be of no use for his ship; wants a surgeon.	92
„ 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to deliver the Little Charity, with her furniture, lately sold to Capt. Wm. Thomas, on his paying 300*l.* to the Navy Treasurer, and giving bond for 200*l.* more. With note by Hen. Roach and Wm. Wood to Capt. Thomas to pay to their servant 300*l.*, which they have paid, as ordered by the Commissioners, 23 June.	93, 94
„ „	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will send the Dunbar to the Hope as ordered. Her ballast was lying opposite to where she rode, and was brought down to the quay, so there was no delay on that account.	95
„ „	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Leith Road.*	„	Arrived yesterday from Ireland, where he tallowed; will be ready to sail to his station on Wednesday. Has taken up 25*l.* of Edw. Booth, merchant of Leith, to defray the charge, and will give an account.	96
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	To like effect - - - - - - - - - -	97
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	When at Harwich, viewed the state of the port as to public affairs, and examined the stores, also what was owing in debts, wages, &c. Cordage being wanted to fit the Drake, had to pay something on account of the bills for ropes already delivered, so took up 200*l.* upon a bill at 4 days' on the Navy Treasurer; having engaged himself to the Receiver General at Ipswich, desires their allowance and order, or their little credit will come to nothing.	98
„ „	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs a convoy for 8 ships from St. Malo, Barbadoes, &c., now at Cowes, to London, having been solicited by Mr. Bryant from St. Malo, and the other masters.	99
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to come in to victual and repair, having but one day's provisions on board - -	100
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Is desired by the Eastland merchants to thank them for appointing a convoy for their ships, as also by the London merchants, who further ask that the Preston at Harwich may be sent to see some 16 sail of their ships to the Thames, as they have been waiting a month. Sends a list of Ostenders gone for London or Dover.	101
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Harwich.*	„	Has come in from the North Seas with 7 convoys, being all he could hear of; having been sometime on short allowance, sent an express to the victualler to send some provisions off. Is glad to hear such good commendations of the new purser, but the old one is still on board; the surgeon has not yet recovered. Will hasten the refitting of his ship.	102

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1656. June 14	Capt. Ben. Gunson, *Truelove, Hastings.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station with the Elizabeth, and following the orders of Capts. Colman and Whitehorne; is going to Portsmouth, where he hopes to receive order to repair, clean, and victual. The Elizabeth has gone to Rye, to convoy some vessels laden with guns and iron on account of the State to the Downs. When the Truelove comes in to victual, asks leave to come to London, to obtain payment of 300*l.* owing him by the owners of the last ship he was in, as they will not pay those he authorised to receive it. The Cornelian and Hawk passed yesterday with a convoy of Brighthelmstone fishing boats bound home, and some other vessels for Seine head.	Vol. 141. 103
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Col. Clerke	Is sorry they were offended at his absence from Chatham, but had gone up to the Navy Commissioners respecting some sea accounts, which have been before them 6 months. Has repaired the Gainsborough which will be ready for launching on Monday, and is in hand with the masts for the Advice and President.	104
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, at Sea.*	Adm. Com.	Has been part of the way to Newcastle with 40 Yarmouth vessels, but the wind proving contrary, they went back to Yarmouth Roads. To-day, 60 more having arrived, is under sail with the whole for Newcastle. Has seen two Ostend men-of-war, but will use his utmost to protect the fleet. Has received 3 tuns of beer and 5 cwt. of bread, and delivered Major Burton the 7 barrels of powder for the garrison.	105
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Berwick.*	"	Thanks for adding 20 more men to his complement. Hears from the people of Holy Island that one of the State's ships was blown up by 4 Dunkirkers, 2 of which were much shattered; having taken up some of the wreck marked G. H., thinks it was the Greyhound. Doubts if any of the men were saved.	106
" 16	Capt Fras. Allen, *Advice, Buoy off the Red Sands.*	Robt. Blackborne	Supposes he has had an account of his engagement from Captains Smith and Whitehorne. Asks a warrant for Wm. Steede to officiate as his minister in the Advice, he having served for some months, and being recommended by Vice-Adm. Lawson.	107
" "	Abra. Allgate, *Drake, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Having cleaned and victualled, will sail for the Downs and wait orders - - - -	108
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Wren has gone to Harwich. The Portsmouth has arrived with 150 colliers, which is only half of what was expected, and the Pearl with 120 or 130; as 60 sail more have gone to Lynn, they will, added together, make the full number. Particulars of ships. Hears the Greyhound was blown up in a fight with 4 of the enemy off Coquet Island last Tuesday. Wants a convoy for Yarmouth.	109
" "	Martin Noel, *Old Jewry.*	"	Asks a protection from impress for the crews of the ships going to Jamaica, now in the Thames -	110
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Will launch the Gainsborough to-day, and dispatch the masts for the Advice and President to the Hope by Wednesday.	111
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for refitting and victualling the Hind ketch at Harwich for 3 months - - -	112

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1656. June 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Rich. Browne for 7*l.* for his disbursements at Milford - - - -	Vol. 141. 113
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Hastings.*	„	Upon his removal from the Wexford to the Elizabeth, could not procure a settlement of his account for disbursements to the men on their tickets and for impress money, not having a list of them; but having now given it to the bearer, as also a power of attorney to receive the money, desires they will pay him. His station between Beachy and the Ness is clear of the enemy; chased an Ostender of 8 guns on shore on the French coast.	114
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Send an account of powder delivered into the stores by 6 makers named - - - -	115
„ „	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	„	The gates and sides of the double dock at Woolwich and the wharf are out of repair, and may prove dangerous; as the dock is now empty, some men may be spared; beg that they may be set to work to repair them.	116
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively	„	Has been guarding the fishermen since the 14th ult. by order of Major Burton; wants a surgeon, having men sick, and provisions.	117
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Mary, wife of Vice-Adm. Goodson, for 200*l.*, on account of her husband's pay.	118
„ „	Capt. Ben. Gunson, *Truelove, Portsmouth.*	„	Will clean and revictual, and return to his station with the Elizabeth, as ordered - - -	119
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The petition of Ralph Foster, surgeon of the Great President, for allowance for dressing the wounded on the taking of an Ostend man-of-war, should be referred to the Commissioners for the relief of sick and wounded, as no such allowance has been made by the Navy Office since their appointment.	120
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Gainsborough will be seady to sail to-morrow. The Advice and President are at anchor at the Norehead. Particulars of their condition and wants.	121
„ „	„ „	„	To the same effect. The oakum and cordage are ordered to be sent away; will deliver the warrants sent.	122
„ „	Capt. Joseph Saunders and officers of *the Falmouth.*	„	Particulars of their ship, which is very leaky and otherwise defective - - - -	123
„ „	Comr. Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Edw. Hopkins.	Capt. Hare is attending the Commissioners on a reference from his Highness concerning a ship; is the principal owner thereof, and desires quick dispatch.	124
„ 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to allow the additional number of men mentioned to be borne upon 34 ships named; total 525.	125
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to send down one month's provisions for 150 men to the Great President at Sheerness -	126
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for building two ketches of 80 tons and 10 guns fit for men-of-war, for service on the coast of America, either by contract or in the State's yards.	127
„ „	Elia Palmer, *Tower*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Judd having seen some of his powder burnt in the Tower, is in so much doubt that he declines having it proved by the mortar piece.	128

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1656. June 19	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Particulars of ships	Vol. 141. 129
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Mr. Davies at Deptford wants 500 yards of canvas to mend sails	130
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	The Gainsborough is taking in her beer; will endeavour to warp her away to-morrow. The Advice and President have their masts set and are rigged; has sent the Henrietta with a master's mate for each; also the press warrants to obtain men.	131
" "	Wm. Hempson, *the Naseby.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Sends the muster books of the fleet, which he could not perfect before, having been employed on shore the greater part of the time.	132
" "	Wm. Serjeant, purser, *Griffin, off the Northward Cape.*	Navy Comrs	While off the Land's End, an Ostender, the St. Cleer, of 13 guns and 80 men, chased him and the Bryer, whereupon they exchanged broadsides for 7 hours; as the Bryer could not get up, and his own ship was much shattered, and he had two men killed, and the Ostender 11, besides several wounded, they left off, but continued the fight next morning, when the Bryer coming up, and giving the Ostender several more broadsides, they brought his mainmast clear by the board and took him.	133
" "	Capt. Jno. Tayler, *Griffin, Northward Cape.*	Adm. Com.	To the same effect	134
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Harwich.*	"	Will hasten the dispatch of his frigate, and join the Pearl and Vulture; is glad the Pearl's company is augmented. The new purser has arrived, but the old one is still on board. Fears the surgeon will not be fit to sail.	135
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Upnor Castle.*	"	Has made it his sole business to get the Gainsborough fitted, and Commissioner [Pett] has also been very active therein; will get to the Hope with all speed, and impress the men required.	136
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Has entered 40 or 50 men, and will make all haste to obtain the rest. Hears of a surgeon, but he has not yet been on board.	137
" 20	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Spithead.*	"	Has been forced in to stop leaks, to clean, and victual, but more particularly through the discontent of his men for want of beer, 9 tuns having been lost by leakage. Has sent up his steward for orders.	138
" "	Thos. Jones	"	Petition for employment, having served as boatswain, boatswain's mate, gunner's mate, and fore mastman 16 years, in the Pelican prize and others, and lost one of his hands in the fight with the Hollanders off Portland. With certificates of Capts. Robt. Clarke, Thos. Smith, Jno. Parker, and others.	139–142

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1656. June 20	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *the Norwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Carried the Swedish agent for Holland, with the Pembroke, Wexford, and 7 merchantmen under convoy, and landed him and his followers at Scheveling Bay; then went with his convoy for the Texel, and chased a vessel on the way, but when within two miles of her, she showed the King of Spain's colours and ran from him; and having broken his masts in the chase, could not follow him up.	Vol. 141. 143
" "	" "	"	To the same effect. Desires order to come in to clean, repair, and victual - - -	144
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Asks an order to supply the Basing with provisions. The Truelove is tallowed, and will sail on Monday. Cannot hear of any vessels about the Wight bound for London.	145
" 21	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has plenty of timber to load Mr. Baylie's ship when it arrives, and some to spare; the carriage of it to the water side is performed very cheerfully. Major Wade being in London, hopes they will order him to supply money; is at great daily charge, and he will do so if ordered, and thus save the expense and trouble of going to Bristol for it. Has no benefit in the chips, as all goes for the State's use.	146
" "	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by the victualler, but the gunner and his mate have been on shore 3 days and 2 nights. The boatswain came on board, but cannot get him out of his cabin to command the men, and for want of him, many men have run; the carpenter has been ashore 4 days, and nearly died of a surfeit through drink; both are unfit for their place. Has 120 men, and hopes ere long to get his complement of 150, when he will convoy 6 or 7 ships as far as Yarmouth, by Gen. Monk's order.	147
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Gainsborough has arrived in the Hope. Has been on board the Advice and President, who have 3 of their 4 great masts set, and will be rigged and manned by Tuesday. As the master of the President hopes to be put in command, sends certificate of Thos. Rabenet and Thos. Arkenstall, recommending Edw. Robinson, late master's mate of the Entrance, as master, he having been in most of the engagements against the Hollanders. Particulars of the wants of the Advice and President, some of which he can supply, but the remainder must be had from London. He has viewed a place within $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile of Sheerness, that with little charge might be made convenient for tallowing ships, and giving them quick dispatch. It would also add much to the comfort of the place that the seamen could not get away if order was given to one ferry to be kept strict.	148, 149
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, and 3 others, *Chatham New Dock.*	"	Understanding that the pensioners, who were usually paid in London, are very clamourous for their arrears, amounting to 1700*l.*, and considering that not less than 500*l.* more will pay those who receive their annuities at Chatham, desire such an order as may answer the expectations of the distressed creatures, and free them from their mournful complaints.	150
" "	Major Peter Murford, and 3 others, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sends a survey as ordered of all the naval stores within the port, haven, dock, and town of Portsmouth.	151

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1656. June 21	Jno. Pitt, *the Essex, Downs.*	Col. Clerke.	Mr. Creed, who was designed for foreign service, has paid him the salary due, but says nothing as to any further employment; has continued, by Mr. Blackborne's advice, to act until further order, and has since attended the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs, transcribed, copied, and sent off letters, issued orders, and has the keeping of all correspondence, and formerly had charge of the prize money, for which he is accountable to Mr. Poortmans. The only salary he received from Mr. Creed was 40*l.* a year. Could undertake the muster of the ships as they arrive, and it is his ambition to do his utmost for the public good; begs consideration.	Vol. 141. 152
,, ,,	Capt. Jere. Smyth, the *Essex, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the Sparrow and Raven to ply off Hastings, with the fishermen, until they finish, which will be in a few days, and Capt. Colman to go to Yarmouth Roads. Would not weaken the squadron on the coast of Flanders, hearing that there are several ships hastening out of Dunkirk, one having 40 guns and another 36, which was lately taken from the Hollanders. Particulars of ships used as convoys, &c., in the Downs. Capt. Wilson, deputy governor of Dover Castle, writes respecting 5 or 6 wounded Ostend prisoners sent to the Downs, now lodged in the town under the care of the surgeon; desires orders respecting them and others.	153
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	After parting with the Portsmouth, bore up with the Rotterdam fleet, 6 in number, for Yarmouth Roads, where he found 60 light colliers bound for Newcastle and Sunderland; will see them safe, and then go to Harwich to tallow and victual.	154
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	An agreement was made under seal with the Duchess of Richmond for 1,000 loads of timber out of Cobham Park, and there is now 500*l.* due to her on account of the second payment, which her agents are daily pressing for. Most of the timber has been sent to Woolwich for the 2nd rate ship building there. As many men are employed at Cobham to convert it, besides carters and watermen to bring it to the stores, which all calls for money, desires they will order the Navy Treasurer to pay the purveyor 400*l.*, which he has gone to London to obtain.	155
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gainsborough, Hope.*	,,	Has taken in 20 tuns of beer, and a hoy has just arrived with 30 more; his gunner is at London about his stores; when he returns, will make all speed to sail.	156
,, 22	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Saw the fleet safe to Newcastle, and arrived in Yarmouth Roads with 40 London vessels; is now under sail again with the Pearl and 80 light ships bound for Newcastle. In coming thence, met 3 sloops, which he endeavoured to surprise, but they outsailed him. Will expect orders at Yarmouth or Harwich.	157
,, 23	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hears that the Greyhound, and all her men but two, are lost. Is sorry they blame him for sending the Weymouth pink as convoy to the coal fleet, but if he had not done so, they would have gone without, and she has brought others back, and has since gone again with the Pearl with 3 or 4 score more. Particulars of ships.	158

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1656. June 23	Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Delivered 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs. of old copper funnels, &c., out of the stores to Thos. Birkhead and Thos. Powell, braziers of London, to be newly wrought, at $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ a lb., and they have since re-delivered $1770\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. in new copper funnels, kettles, &c., the old copper to be abated from their bill.	Vol. 141. 159
,, ,,	Christ. Bruncker, *Truro.*	Fras. Willoughby.	Hears from Penzance that 12 ships have been sunk about the Land's End, and a Barbadoes ship of 18 guns taken, and that the enemy is a one-armed man who was lately a prisoner in London, and pretends it is for the ill usage he received there. Also hears that 5 others have gone upon the Irish coast, in which are Beach, Swart, and Dillon, with from 12 to 24 guns each.	160
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Country, *Lynn.*	Adm. Com.	Chased a Dunkirk sloop off Cromer for several hours, but she got away. Has since been daily convoying vessels, and is now attending some bound for London. Having only 17 days' provisions, desires a fresh supply.	161
,, ,,	,, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	,,	Having seen his station clear, came into Harwich to clean, and having received 10 weeks' provisions, has since been plying again upon his station.	162
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends two sea books - - - - - - - - - -	163
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to repair and victual, being very leaky, and will use all expedition to sail - -	164
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Portsmouth.*	,,	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - -	165
,, ,,	Rich. Newberry, and 3 others.	—	Survey of the defects of the Portland - - - - - - - -	166
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Maplesdon, purveyor of timber at Chatham, has bought several bargains at such easy rates that he has saved the State much money, and he often disbursed 500*l.* at a time of his own, and sometimes took it up at usury, to supply the State's necessities. As he is now out of pocket 600*l.*, and owes other sums, for which he is liable to arrest, desires he may have an imprest of 1000*l.* to carry on the service. Is about taking a boat to Queenborow to hasten away the frigates.	167
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Account of the Downs squadron. Sent their letter to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk, and on the arrival of Capt. Whitehorne, will come up to take charge of the Dunbar. Has ordered the Pembroke to Dover to convoy two vessels to France, with horses for the lord ambassador. Particulars of ships.	168

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1656. June 23	Capt. Jno. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver Capt. Wilkinson his letter when he arrives. Had a meeting of several masters of ships at Shields, when he pointed out the danger of their sailing without convoy, but—notwithstanding that, and the statement of John Lee, a master of London, that Edm. Greene, another master lately released from Dunkirk, informed him there were 30 men-of-war at Flanders ready to come forth,—22 small colliers have left, and are at anchor before the bar, and 80 more will be ready to sail to-morrow. Hears that the Greyhound, bound from Scotland to Newcastle to victual, was met by 4 Spaniards, and, after gallant and desperate fighting, forced to yield.	Vol. 141. 169
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	"	Sends a survey, made by Fras. Lucas, of the defects of the Basing, and desires orders as to her repair. The coasters bound for the Downs will sail under convoy of Capt. Gunson to-morrow.	170, 171
" "	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Scarborough.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an account of the expenses of his frigate between Jan. 24th and June 13th. Coming by Tynemouth Castle, and the Governor shooting for him, went ashore, when he desired him to stay 6 hours for a fleet of 100 sail, which dared not go out with convoy, as there were 3 or 4 sail of the enemy off Flamborough Head; has since taken them under charge, and will see them to the Yarmouth Roads. His officers are now more yieldable; has got 134 men, but has 7 sick through drinking the bad beer; as it causes much discontent, desires a survey of it.	172, 173
" 24	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the commission and instructions; will go on board the Essex to morrow. Has taken 19 men, with the trumpeter and his servants, out of the Gainsborough, and left 138 with Capt. Heaton, who has taken the command. Many other men would have gone with him, but would not disable the frigate.	174
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough, Hope.*	"	Took the command from Capt. Whitehorne yesterday, and the paymaster completed paying, but notwithstanding the officers' diligence, several men escaped. Will do his utmost to get the ships manned, and then follow orders.	175
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Harwich.*	"	Will hasten the fitting out of his ship. His surgeon, who was wounded in an altercation with the purser respecting the signing of a ticket, is recovering; if he is not able to sail, there is one in the town willing to go.	176
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Humber.*	"	Convoyed 9 sail from Yarmouth to Rotterdam, and brought back 6 from the Maas; is now seeing 8 from Hull to the Sound.	177
" "	Anth. Wilson, Ri. Greene.	—	Account of sails, rigging, ropes, iron, &c., received out of the Samuel of Leith, the Sarah of London, and from Major Parsons.	178
" 25	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Swaile.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with the President to set masts and rig, and will sail to-morrow for the Nore, where they hope to meet a fleet of colliers and complete their number of men; otherwise will proceed to the Red Sand.	179

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. June 25	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Parker of the Bryer has brought in an Ostend man-of-war of 13 guns, taken by him and the Griffin in the Soundings after a stout fight. She had 90 men, whereof 9 were killed and several wounded; 70 of them have been sent to the Castle and may escape, the guard there being very weak; they should be sent to the common gaol. The ship is much damaged by shot, as also the sails of the Bryer, and the Griffin had two men killed. Hears there are more of the enemy in the Soundings, and hopes the Constant Warwick, Wolf, or Sorlings may meet with them. A ship has arrived from Portugal with letters stating that the peace is concluded, and that Mr. Maynard has gone to the fleet to acquaint the Generals.	Vol. 141. 180
” ”	Ordnance officers -	”	Certify receipt of 150 barrels of powder from Jno. Freeman on his contract for 300. Payment to be made to Thos. Warren, besides the old powder delivered to him.	181
” ”	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Essex, Downs.*	”	Sends a letter from the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk; also particulars of ships and their wants. Hears from Dover that two merchant ships have been taken off the Ness, but some ships arrived from there know nothing of it.	182
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company lately belonging to the Greyhound to their nearest relatives.	183
” ”	” - -	”	Order for the speedy cleaning and victualling of the Basing, as also to pay the officers and men, reserving 3 months in hand.	184
” 26	” - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the speedy cleaning and victualling of the Pearl at Harwich, for 4 months for 110 men -	185
” ”	Capt. Robt. Colman	Adm. Com.	Is about to convoy 3 sail of Londoners and Hull men to the Maas, by order of Major Burton, they being richly laden with lead, broadcloth, &c. Had 20 fishermen under his command, but they brought their fishing to an end on receipt of the order. Will endeavour to procure the 20 extra men to be added to his company.	186
” ”	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford.*	”	Went to Kinsale and took on board the Countess of Cork, who had a letter from Lord Hen. Cromwell's secretary, to take any ship of war that arrived to carry her to England; has landed her at Minehead and come in to victual. Reported chasing a Biscaneer; as Capt. Farley of the Basing has much scandalised him to several gentlemen of quality about his allowing her to escape, sends a full account of that business, under his hand and those of his officers, who lay the blame entirely upon Capt. Farley. With the account alluded to.	187, 188
” ”	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth frigate.*	”	Has been plying on his station and elsewhere, by order of Capt. Jer. Smyth, commander-in-chief in the Downs. Hears that 4 Dunkirkers have taken two of our Straits' men and carried them to Dunkirk; if he had been allowed to go to Dungeness instead of being tied up on his station, he might have stopped their passage. It was proposed long since at Whitehall that a squadron should lie between the English coast and the Maas, both for suppressing the enemy and convoying merchantmen to their ports, which is now much needed, as there is a new frigate of 24 guns ready to come out of Ostend, together with the Holland man-of-war they took and some others, and there are 6 Spanish ships in the Channel with soldiers and plate for Dunkirk; 16 or 17 sail of the enemy have been seen between the Maas and the Texel.	189

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. June 26	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Advice and President are completed and will sail to-morrow, and the ketch, ordered to be built, is in hand.	Vol. 141. 190
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	To like effect. Mr. Isaacson desires order as to painting and gilding the James - - -	191
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	Has rigged the Grantham, which with the docking, wages, &c., amounts to 20*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, and has given notice to Mr. Sprigg as to her victuals. Saw an order about entering 20 extra seamen, but knows not where to find them.	192
" "	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Adm. Com.	The Adventure arrived with 7 small ships from Leith; being solicited by several masters for a convoy, desired Capt. Best to go with the Adventure and the others, being 30 sail; by Tuesday 120 sail were got over the bar, and as many carried from 8 to 14 guns, they would be able to deal with 6 of the enemy. Believes near 100 more will be ready to put to sea by Monday.	193
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Will be ready to sail the first wind with his convoy for the Humber. Has 100 men, but some who were had out of the Dunbar are green watermen, and as opportunity presents, they are exchanged.	194
" 27	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Plymouth Sound.*	"	While accompanying the Griffin southward on the 18th inst., they espied a sail, chased her the whole day, and fought awhile, when she killed two of the Griffin's men. Kept within shot during the night, and next day fought her again for 3 hours; and having shot her mainmast by the board, took her and found she had 13 guns and 90 men, whereof 9 were killed and several wounded; only had 2 wounded himself. If his sails and rigging, damaged by shot, are repaired by to-morrow, will resail; returns thanks for the addition of 10 men. Left the Griffin 150 leagues off.	195
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Has several times attended them, and also written respecting the continuance of the 200*l.* allowed by their board for his services, of which there are 7 quarters due. Was put upon the employment, and those who know him cannot imagine that his present salary can maintain his family expenses. If the allowance is to be continued, desires an order to the Navy Commissioners to pay it, or otherwise to order his dismissal.	196
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	"	Capt. Smyth having departed, has taken charge of the Essex and requires a master. The Redhorse pink with others has arrived, having lost her fore and mainmast in a chase; has sent her to Dover to repair. Hearing there are 6 Spanish ships coming through the Channel, with soldiers and plate for Dunkirk, has ordered Capt. Mackey to ply off Blackness, and if he meets them, to fight towards the Downs as much as he can, so that the rest of the ships in the Downs may go to his assistance.	197
" 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to allow 30 additional men to be borne upon the Dunbar, so as to make up her number to 350.	198
" "	" - -	"	Order to consider whether it would be advantageous to build forecastles in 5th rate frigates, and to give order that the 2nd rate building at Woolwich, as also two 5th rate, be supplied with them.	199

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. June 28	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to hire a ketch to attend the Dunbar in her expedition; the ketch is to be manned and victualled out of that ship.	Vol. 141. 200
„ „	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is building a forecastle for the Basing and hopes to have her ready in 8 or 9 days	201
„ „	Capt. Jno. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	„	Sends application of Thos. Wright and 26 other masters of ships, desiring a convoy, as there are nearly 100 ships at Tynemouth who cannot sail, there having been 5 Dunkirk men-of-war in view several days. Hopes Capt. Best and his convoy arrived safe. An enemy of 12 or 14 guns, with English colours, came so close to the bar, in attempting to take a coal ship, that he had to get some guns ready, which she perceiving, took in her colours, and stood off to sea. Encloses a letter from Mr. Bower of Burlington, reporting two of the enemy being off Flamborough Head, and 3 more off Whitby; has sent a copy to Scarborough, Hull, and Lynn, so that the masters there may stay for a convoy.	202, 203
„ „	Capt. Rob. Robinson, *the Preston, Harwich.*	„	Has repaired his ship, is off the ground, and taking in ballast and provisions. Desires order as to the guns on board the Concord hulk.	204
„ 29	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Hope.*	„	Has used all expedition in fitting out, and taken in 10 weeks' provisions, and waits orders.	205
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Desires they will hasten away the Preston, as several ships have been waiting some time for a convoy for London; half of them ventured forth 7 days since, under a Dutch convoy, towards Yarmouth; has not since heard anything of them.	206
„ 30	Capt. Alex. Bernard.	[Adm. Com.]	Sends a letter from Capt. Best, stating that he has put his lieutenant in irons for having no order for doing what he did asserting that he had been Capt. Best's greatest friend in putting him into the ship, whereas he might be the greatest to put him out, and that he would have him out in spite of any commander. Also that he, Capt. Best, did not care for Capt. Bernard's threats, that his gunner was a saucy knave, and that his soldiers had better take heed when they came on board any frigate. With Bernard's explanations thereon.	207
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Received theirs, stating that the Weymouth had been sent to Scotland, so appointed the Elizabeth and Capt. Colman, who have since returned, to convoy the Hull ships, which were richly laden, to the Maas. Having supplied Colman with provisions, desires order to Capt. Alderne to accept his bills for the amount. Thinks Capt. Roberts is a long time coming, and there is not a man-of-war to serve the coal fleet, or to lie between Yarmouth and Holland.	208
„ „	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Plymouth.*	„	Has come in with 17 convoys from Murlis [Morlaix?] bound for London, Dartmouth, &c., and waits orders.	209
„ „	Thos. Johnson, Alex. Blowers, bailiffs, *Aldborough.*	„	Send a letter from Major-Gen. Hen. Haynes, at Bury St. Edmunds, of 23 June, stating that having received an order to discharge all prisoners belonging to Dunkirk and Ostend, they are to discharge a captain and 8 prisoners named in a list enclosed; and having done so, to send their names, the ship they belonged to, and the charge for their keep, and desire repayment.	210–214

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. June 30	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an order from Capt. Jer. Smyth, of 14 June, to transport Monsr. Coyet, the Swedish Envoy, and his servants, to Rotterdam; also to convoy such vessels as were bound that way. As wind and tide were adverse, landed the envoy at Scheveling, and then saw his convoy to the Texel and the Flie, and brought 7 back to the Downs, and now waits orders.	Vol. 141. 215, 216
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of old timber in the yard; as the men are at work on the new frame, wants the timber Mr. Eastwood is providing hastened down.	217
" "	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 6 vessels to France, by order of Major Burton, and when there, his boatswain, an idle fellow, ran; Mr. Browne, the storekeeper at Harwich, has supplied him with another. Asks a warrant for him, and an order to revictual. Returning from France, recaptured a vessel from the enemy belonging to Hastings laden with wool, and delivered her to Capt. Whitehorne, in the Downs.	218
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is building the ship's forecastle; has sent up her sea books to the treasurer, and she will soon be ready for victualling. The Amity has gone as convoy to several vessels bound for Plymouth, and there are two waiting for one for London. A purser is wanted to look after the victuals.	219
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Cannot come up, having orders from the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs that two frigates are coming in to wash, tallow, and victual; has sent up his son with the account, which he hopes they will examine and order to be paid, not having received anything on account of his 200*l.* bill, is much straightened for want of money.	220
" "	Capt. Thos. Whitehorn, the *Essex*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a list of the Downs squadron and their stations, and particulars of other ships. The Vulture has retaken a vessel off Rye or Hastings, which he will retain until he hears from her owners. Mr. White reports that 2 of St. Ives have been taken off the mouth of the Severn, and that a Dunkirk man-of-war has been cast away. There are several vessels in the Downs, richly laden, bound for Holland; when the Advice arrives, will appoint her and some others as convoy; several should ply between the Narrows, Calais, and Ostend, to intercept the enemy. Capt. Mackey was about Ostend when the enemy carried in the two merchant ships lately taken; as they entered, they fired for joy, whereupon he made sail towards them, but was too late. Particulars of ships.	221
" "	Chris. Pett and Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Estimate of repairs of the wharfs and gates of the double dock, total 64*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* - - -	222
" "	Capt. Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	"	Details damage to the Princess Maria and other vessels, and asks directions - - -	223
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has hastened the fitting out, and hopes to join the Pearl and Vulture in the Roads on Thursday. The Vulture has gone as convoy to two vessels to Yarmouth, where she ought to revictual.	224
June ?	Rich. Bennet - -	"	Petition for release of Capt. John Carel, prisoner in Dorchester gaol, in exchange for himself, being taken by an Ostender on 6th April, kept prisoner till 10 June, and then let out on parole to procure Carel's release.	225

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1655.					
Nov.	1	Pass	For Apero Vanderhoven, Abr. Alewyn, and Guillemo Van Straten, gentlemen of quality relating to Ambassador Nieuport, with their 2 servants to Holland.	I. 76. 361	I. 112. 243
„	„	„	For Fras. Derivera and And. de Mendousa to France	361	243
„	„	„	For Thos. Strange to Ireland	361	243
„	„	„	For Gillis Ryscar and Abr. Cruyck to Holland	361	244
„	„	„	For Chris. Lomeyer „	361	244
„	„	„	For And. Bonnell and Geo. Humble to France, at request of their fathers	361	245
„	„	„	For Henry, son of Col. Leigh, to France	361	—
„	7	Col. John Barkstead.	To receive into close custody Col. Edm. Harvey, Commissioner of Customs, for joining with others in defrauding the Commonwealth of large sums.	367	244
„	16	License	For Rich. Edlin, sent by merchants to the East Indies, to carry a coach and furniture for 2 horses for one of the English nation there.	382	251
„	„	Pass	For George and John Holman and 2 servants to France	382	251
„	„	„	For Joan, Countess of Kildare, children, and servants, with a coach and 10 horses to Ireland, on her petition.	382	251
„	„	„	For Gerard Buys to Holland	382	252
„	„	„	For Hendrick Leendert Geselle „	382	252
„	„	„	For Marg. Knight „	382	252
„	„	„	For Jacob Mairys „	382	252
„	„	„	For John Noteman „	382	252
„	„	„	For Balthazar de Priar „	382	252
„	„	„	For Thos. Thomasin to Ireland	382	252
„	„	„	For Lord Andover and 2 servants to Antwerp	382	252
„	„	„	For Peter Vroght and 3 other Dutchmen to France	382	252
„	„	„	For Wm. Beauvoir beyond seas	382	253
„	„	Customs' Comrs.	To deliver custom free to the agents of Lord Bourdeaux, French Ambassador, at his request, a bed sent for him from France, but detained at Dover for non-payment of duty.	379	253
„	20	„ „	To give Anne Boys a bill of store for 7 trunks and other household stuff of hers brought from Holland.	386	253
„	„	Pass	For Wm. Fettyplace, Jane his wife, children, and maid to Holland	390	253
„	„	„	For Sir Wm. Wiseman, Bart., and servant to France	390	254

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1655. Nov. 22	Wm. Booker, Marshal at St. James.	To apprehend Geo. Jackson and —— Holder for treasonable designs	I. 76.	I. 112. 266
„ 27	Pass	For Gerard Buys and Sam. Beeckman to Holland	394	254
„ „	„	For John Strachan to Scotland	394	255
„ 28	„	For Robert Geyry and 2 servants to France	394	254
„ „	License	For Arnold Beake, merchant of London, to export a horse from the port of London	—	254
„ „	„	For Edward, Earl of Manchester, to export 3 horses; moved by Col. Montague	398	255
„ „	Pass	For Wm. Allington of Cambridge and servant to France	398	255
„ 30	„	For Rob. Clifton and 2 servants to France, on request of Mr. Kingston, his Highness's servant.	406	255
„ „	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Thos. Freeman, late gentleman-usher to the King of Scots, and suspected of being his agent, now in town, and bring him before Council.	404	256
„ „	Pass	For Alexander, Earl of Kelly, and John, Viscount Grandison, to go beyond sea from Portsmouth within a month, they having engaged under hand and seal 30 August last to go, and not to act against his Highness or the Commonwealth.	397	260
Dec. 4	„	For Sir Edw. [or Sir Rob.] Mansell and 4 servants to France	408	256
„ 5	License	For the French Ambassador, Lord Bourdeaux, to import 50 tuns of wine for his own use free of customs and excise.	408, 410	256
„ „	Pass	For Hen. Cutts and servant to France	411	257
„ „	„	For Sir Baynham Throgmorton and 2 servants to Ireland	411	257
„ 11	„	For John Barnes and 5 other soldiers lately reduced in Scotland, and having certificates from Gen. Monk, beyond seas.	414	258
„ „	„	For Rich. Hopton and 2 servants to France	414	258
„ „	„	For Eliz. Carey and Anne Phillips with 2 men servants to Holland	414	258
„ „	„	For Wm. Mordaunt and servant beyond seas	414	258
„ „	„	For Alnoeckaret Van Shaumburgh and 2 others with their luggage beyond seas	414	259
„ „	License	„ to export 2 horses	414	259
„ 12	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend John Simpson and bring him before Council	419	259
„ 13	„	„ „ Cornet —— Day „ „	419	259
„ 19	Pass	For Jas. Scudamore and servant to France	426	275
„ 20	License	For Lord Bourdeaux to export customs, and excise free, for the French king, 8,000 cwt. of lead.	—	261
„ 21	Pass	For Rob. Leshly to Scotland, to attend the Council there	421	261
„ „	License	For Rob. Gayer to export 2 horses from Rye to France	431	261
„ 23	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive into safe custody Col. Bishop, lately sent up by Maj. Gen. Goffe	444	261

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1655–6.				I. 76.	I. 112.
Jan	1	Pass	For Thos. Scott and servant beyond seas	448	262
,,	,,	,,	For Sir Jas. Crofts and servant to France	448	262
,,	11	,,	For Jas. Park and 4 others to France, on desire of David Buchanan	467	262
,,	,,	,,	For Col. John Morley of Hampshire and servant to Holland, on desire of Lord Rich. Cromwell.	467	262
,,	,,	,,	For Lord Godtsihalk Buchwast of Holstein, with 3 trunks, &c., to Holland, on request of the Danish agent.	470	262
,,	15	License	For Lord Claypole, master of the horse, to export 6 horses from Dover, custom free	472	263
,,	,,	,,	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Rye ,,	472	263
,,	16	Comrs. of Customs.	To deliver to John Embree, surveyor-general, 9 marble pillars and 6 tables for his Highness's service.	—	263
,,	18	Pass	For Chris. Beaseley and wife to Holland	479	264
,,	,,	,,	For John Roche and servant to France	479	264
,,	,,	,,	For Hen. Philpott, of Philwell, Hants, to France	479	264
,,	,,	,,	For Hen. Andrews to Holland	479	264
,,	22	,,	For William, eldest son of William, Lord Paget, and servant, to France on his father's desire, in order to his travel abroad [*also* I. 113, *p.* 95].	488	264
,,	23	License	For Hugh, Earl of Clanricard, to stay in town till 31 May, on the former conditions	489	—
,,	29	Pass	For Edw. Hudson to France	502	265
,,	,,	,,	For Thos. Gilbert to Holland	502	265
,,	,,	,,	For Rich. Snead to France	502	265
,,	,,	,,	For Jane Davies and maid to Holland	502	265
,,	,,	,,	For John Crew, jun., beyond seas, with 2 servants, on request of Gen. Montague	498	267
,,	,,	License	,, ,, to export 3 horses from Dover	498	—
,,	30	,,	For Chas. Barkely by his 2 servants to transport 30 couples of hounds to France	502	266
,,	,,	Pass	For Thos. Dullaney to Ireland	502	266
,,	,,	,,	For Thos. Suller and John Burton to France	502	—
,,	,,	,,	For George Frazer to Holland, to his lord, the Earl of Kelly, at desire of Col. Sydenham	502	—
,,	31	,,	For Elianor Yoward and daughter to France	—	266
,,	,,	,,	For Chas. de Beauvais, minister at Witham, Sussex, and servant, to France	—	267
,,	,,	,,	For Michael Jehan Rita to Flanders	511	275
Feb.	6	,,	For Eliz. Berkeley and 2 servants to Utrecht, on desire of Geo. Berkeley, her father	525	268
,,	,,	,,	For Chas. Wheeler to Holland, on desire of Lady Manwood	525	268
,,	,,	,,	For Ant. Craven to Holland	525	268
,,	12	,,	For Robt. Brudnell and 2 servants to France	531	268
,,	,,	License	For Col. Thos. Sheffield to transport 6 horses from Rye to France	—	269

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Feb	12	Pass - -	For Elianor and Wm. Alleyne, and Elizabeth and Hen. Goldsmith, and maid to France -	531	269
„	„	„ - -	For John Weekes and servant to France - - - - - - -	531	269
„	„	„ - -	For Edw. Lee to Ireland - - - - - - - -	531	270
„	„	„ - -	For Theodore Beton, ensign in Col. Douglas's regiment, to Scotland, to levy men there for the King of France; granted at request of M. Bastide, secretary to Ambassador Bourdeaux.	531	270
„	„	„ - -	For Ogle Hatfield to Ireland - - - - - - -	531	271
„	„	„ - -	For John, Lord Bellasis, and 2 servants to France, on motion of Lord Lambert - -	531	271
„	„	„ - -	For Edm. Shea to Ireland. - - - - - - - -	531	—
„	„	„ - -	For Jane Davies and maid to France - - - - - -	531	—
„	14	Serj. Dendy, serjeant-at-arms.	To search in the house of Dudley Avery, or elsewhere, for his books of accounts and papers, and bring them to the Committee of Council to whom his business is referred.	343	270
„	„	License - -	For Lieut. Henry or Capt. Rich. Hooker, officer under the States of Holland, to export 2 geldings from London to Holland, at desire of Sir Peter Killigrew.	545	272
„	„	„ - -	For Jas. Scudamore to export 2 horses from Dover - - - - - -	472	275
„	15	Edw. Dendy -	To apprehend John Sherman and bring him before Council - - - - -	548	271
„	„	„ - -	To apprehend Dudley Avery and keep him till further order - - - -	548	272
„	„	„ - -	To „ — Buckley and bring him before Council - - - -	548	272
„	„	Pass - -	For Kath. Stanhope and 3 servants to France - - - - - -	544	271
„	„	„ - -	For Jas. Jorden, merchant, to Holland - - - - - - -	544	272
„	„	„ - -	For Alex. Vetch and 2 others to France, on their petition - - - - -	544	272
„	„	„ - -	For Jos. Betridge and Jas. Petry to Holland, on desire of Martin Noel - - -	551	275
„	„	„ - -	For Martin Bekesi, of Hungary, student in divinity, to Dantzic - - - -	544	275
„	„	„ - -	For Jas Petro to France, on desire of Abr. Barington - - - - -	551	—
„	19	License - -	For Edw. Crew to transport 2 geldings to France - - - - - -	552	282
„	20	Pass - -	For Edw. Crew and servant to France - - - - - - -	552	282
„	21	„ - -	For Thos. Browne beyond seas - - - - - - - -	561	276
„	„	„ - -	For Moreyn Vale Roe to France - - - - - - - -	567	277
„	22	„ - -	For Henry and Rob. Swayle beyond sea - - - - - - -	563	—
„	„	„ - -	For Jas. Baxter and Ant. Thomas to France - - - - - -	563	276
„	27	„ - -	For two Dutch pinks come with fish from Zealand to return thither, the embargo notwithstanding	--	277
„	„	„ - -	For Wm. Wentworth and servant beyond seas - - - - - - -	567	277
„	„	Comrs. of Customs at Dover.	To allow the landing, custom free, of 2 cases and some plate, arrived for Lord Bourdeaux, French Ambassador, at request of his secretary, M. Bastide.	564	278
„	„	Comrs. of Customs.	To permit a barque hired to transport 4 horses for the King of France to Dieppe or Calais, which put to sea but was driven back by winds, to sail with her convoy; at like request.	564	278
„	„	Pass - -	For Hen. Hyrne to France, on desire of Sir Gilb. Gerard's chaplain - - - -	567	278
„	„	„ - -	For Thos. Smith, of Gray's Inn, and Wm. Thomas, of Fevington, Sussex, beyond seas -	567	279

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1655–6.			I. 76.	I. 112.
Feb. 27	License	For Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey to transport 6 horses from Dover to France	567	279
,, 28	Pass	For Richard, Earl of Dorset, John Jennings and servants to France, on request of the Earl of Mulgrave.	569	280
,, ,,	License	,, ,, ,, to transport 2 horses from Rye to France	570	280
,, ,,	Pass	For Nich. Pierce for Ireland	570	281
,, ,,	,,	For John Hering and John Dale to France, on desire of Sir John Barkstead	570	286
,, 29	,,	For Joachim Feic of Amsterdam, and Peter Van der Meersch of Haarlem, to Dunkirk, for recovery of their goods taken by Dunkirk men-of-war; on request of Ambassador Nieuport.	570	279
,, ,,	License	For John Trevor to transport 3 horses from Rye	570	281
March 6	Pass	For Fred. Osten, shipmaster, of Horne, Holland, to Barbadoes, in any English ship, to get in debts owing him there.	572	—
,, ,,	,,	For Geo. Mowat to Scotland, being captain in the regiment to be levied there by Col. Douglas for the King of France's service.	583	281
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Rich. Lee, Margaret his wife, Mary their daughter, and a maid to Holland	583	281
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Glynn to Holland	583	282
,, ,,	,,	For Jas. Montague, and Maj. James Fountaine, and M. John Lours, to France	583	287
,, 7	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Sir Rob. Welch, and bring him before Council	586	284
,, ,,	Pass	For Edw. Gumbleton to transport 3 geldings from Rye to France	596	285
,, 12	,,	For John Moreton and 2 servants to France	597	284
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Herb. Lumsford and — Downing to France	596	—
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Chas. Smith to Holland	597	284
,, ,,	,,	For Chas. Morris to Ireland	597	—
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Simpson and Gabriel Madalene beyond seas	597	—
,, ,,	,,	For two maids and 2 men belonging to Sir Richard and Lady Lee to Holland	597	—
,, ,,	License	For Jas. Montague to transport 3 geldings from Dover to France	596	287
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Edw. Mansell ,, 6 ,, Rye to France	590	287
,, 13	Pass	For Hen. Gill to Holland	601	285
,, ,,	,,	For Stephen Vacy Ungarns beyond sea	601	—
,, ,,	,,	For Charles Carrill to Ireland	—	285
,, ,,	,,	For Rich. Trow to Ireland	601	—
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Adshead with 8 persons and 16 horses, to any port in England, and thence to Ireland.	601	286
,, 14	,,	For Thos. Mütcham to Holland	601	292
,, ,,	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend — Chandler, Rich. Bennet, and Jer. Read, and bring them before Council	—	285

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1656. March 14	Hen. Browne, housekeeper at Somerset House.	To deliver to John Embree the fountain, with its brass figures, in Somerset Garden, to be removed to Hampton Court for the service of his Highness.	I. 76. —	I. 112. 318
,, 19	Pass	For Sir John Holland and 3 servants beyond seas	610	288
,, ,,	License	For Wm. Pitman to transport 6 geldings from Gravesend to Holland	608	288
,, 22	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend Lord Willoughby of Parham, and Geo. Bartlet, and bring them before Council.	—	288
,, 26	Pass	For Adrian Van Loon, son of Ambassador Nieuport's brother-in-law, and servant, to France	I. 77. 9	290
,, ,,	License	,, ,, to transport 2 horses from Rye to Dieppe, for his own use, custom free	9	290
,, 27	Pass	For Justus Walter and servant to Holland	—	290
,, ,,	,,	For John Ryvers ,, ,,	—	290
,, ,,	,,	For Rob. Blenco beyond seas	—	292
,, ,,	,,	For John Wright to Ireland	—	292
,, ,,	,,	For Ellen Lambert, widow, and 3 children to Ireland	—	292
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Butler to France	—	292
,, ,,	,,	For Step. Leonard and servant to France	12	293
April 1	,,	For Jonathan Jennings beyond seas	15	292
,, ,,	License	On request of the Ambassador of Sweden, for his agent to export 4 horses from Gravesend, custom free.	14	293
,, 2	,,	For John Atkins, master of the bridge at Rochester, to transport 2 horses from Rye to France on desire of Lord Strickland.	12	293
,, ,,	Pass	For Charles, Lucy, and Mary Langrish and servants from France to England	20	293
,, 3	,,	For John and Mich. Mainet beyond seas	—	293
,, 4	License	For Edw. Rayner to transport 2 geldings from Gravesend	24	295
,, ,,	,,	For Gilb. Dawson ,, 3 ,, ,, to Holland	—	295
,, 9	Pass	For M. Barrière and servants beyond seas	31	294
,, ,,	,,	For Walter Harvey and wife, with 5 men and 5 maids to Ireland	30	295
,, ,,	License	,, to transport 8 horses from Chester to Ireland	30	295
,, ,,	,,	For John Stapely ,, 3 ,, Shoreham to France	31	318
,, ,,	,,	For Maj.-Gen. Goffe ,, 4 ,, to France, moved by Lord Strickland	31	—
,, 10	Pass	For John Archer to France	35	—
,, 15	,,	For John and Michael Maynet, aged 12, beyond seas	48	—
,, ,,	,,	For Mary Bond and maid to France	48	286
,, ,,	,,	For Fras. Roper and servant to France	48	286

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1656.				I. 77.	I. 112.
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,,	,,	,,	For Viscount Lumley and servants to the Spa; pass renewed	48	297
,,	,,	,,	For Sarah Kemes to Holland	48	297
,,	,,	,,	For John Poore and servant to France	48	298
,,	,,	,,	For Eliz. Frazer and maid to France	48	298
,,	,,	License	For John Archer to transport 2 horses from Gravesend	47	297
,,	17	Pass	For Fras. Vere and 2 servants to Holland, to attend his command under the States General	58	298
,,	18	,,	For Hen. Crow, merchant, to Holland	64	298
,,	23	License	For Geo. and Thos. Stradling to export 3 horses from Rye to France	68	—
,,	,,	Pass	,, ,, ,, and servant to France	68	299
,,	,,	,,	For John Ferrers, wife and 6 servants to the Netherlands	68	299
,,	,,	,,	For Roger Brereton to Holland	68	299
,,	,,	License	For M. Barriere to transport his baggage beyond seas	72	299
,,	,,	,,	,, to export his horses, not exceeding 6	—	299
,,	,,	,,	,, ,, ,, ,, 8	72	301
,,	24	Pass	For Mdlle. Adriana Joachimi, 2 men, 2 maids, and 4 trunks to Holland	77	300
,,	25	,,	For Mary Wilde, Dorothy and Simona, her sisters, a man and a maid to Holland	—	300
,,	,,	License	For M. Coyet, agent from the King of Sweden, to export 8 horses and 2 mastiffs from Gravesend, custom free.	78	300
,,	29	Pass	For John Thompson, with travelling arms, &c., to Ireland	91	300
,,	,,	,,	For Rich. Read to Leyden	91	301
,,	,,	,,	For John Spranger to Leyden	90	301
,,	,,	,,	For Clara Weld, Mary her daughter, a man and 3 maids, to France	90	301
,,	,,	,,	For John Mosyer, Jas. Edwards, and John Fisher, with servants and travelling arms, &c., by way of Scotland to Ireland.	91	302
,,	,,	,,	For Chas. Houston by sea to Scotland, on desire of his mother	91	—
May	1	License	For John Maidstone to take up 30 tuns of Spanish and 20 tuns of French wines for his Highness' household, custom free.	91	302
,,	2	Pass	For Hen. Arundel and servant to France	—	301
,,	6	,,	For Lieut. Rob. Moore, in service of the States General, to Holland, moved by Lord Strickland.	97	303
,,	,,	,,	For Charles, Lord Weston, son of the Earl of Portland, to France, on desire of Lord Lisle	101	305
,,	7	,,	For Amy Peters, Frances Barnaby, 2 maids and 2 children, to Holland, on desire of Mr. Barnaby, sen.	101	304
,,	,,	,,	For Anne, Viscountess Conway, and servants to France, for recovery of her health	101	302

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1656.					
				I. 77.	I. 112.
May	7	Pass	For Geo. Smith and servant to France, on desire of Dr. Wilkins	101	303
„	„	License	„ to transport a nag from Rye to France „	101	303
„	„	Pass	For Bernardine Garimondi, merchant stranger, to Holland, on his petition	101	305
„	8	„	For Edw. Savage, 2 daughters, and a servant, to the Low Countries	101	304
„	13	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Hum. Smith and Geo. Watson, and bring them before Council	115	306
„	„	Pass	For Hen. Finch and servant to Holland	—	306
„	15	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Hen. Emely and — Anthony, and bring them before Council	117	307
„	„	„	To receive Capt. Cotterell, now in custody at Poole, and bring him before Council	117	308
„	16	Pass	For John Wallace, merchant, to France	131	307
„	„	„	For Wm. Bayly, of Clydesdale, Scotland, to France, on desire of a servant of the Earl of Argyle.	131	307
„	„	License	For John Brisco, soldier under the States General, to transport his wife, children, and necessaries to Holland, on his petition.	131	307
„	„	„	For Wm. Waller to transport 2 geldings from Rye to France, for himself and tutor	131	307
„	„	Pass	„ with tutor and servant to France, on desire of his father, Sir Wm. Waller	131	308
„	„	„	For Sir John Cockeran and 5 servants to Sweden, having a pass of last July not used, and one from Gen. Monk in Scotland.	131	308
„	„	„	For Jas. Sacheverell to France	131	309
„	„	„	For John Tufton, Geo. Sedgwick, and Alex. Whitcher, beyond seas	131	309
„	„	„	For Sam. Levingston to Ireland	131	309
„	„	„	For Edw. Kindelan „	131	309
„	„	„	For — Vaughan to Holland	—	310
„	„	„	For David Jenkins beyond seas	131	311
„	„	„	For — Evans to Ireland	131	—
„	20	License	For the Swedish ambassador to transport 8 horses from Scotland, custom free, for his own use.	133	310
„	„	„	„ „ „ 4 „ Dover „	133	310
„	„	„	For Martin Noel „ 1 horse „ to France, for the postmaster of Paris.	140	313
„	22	„	For Wm. Yates of London „ 1 nag from Gravesend to Rotterdam	132	311
„	„	Pass	For Chas. Crompton to Holland, on request of the Earl of Mulgrave	139	311
„	23	„	For the Hare in the Field, of Middleburg, to proceed on her voyage, with her company and such of her goods as have been cleared in the Admiralty Court, on request of Lord Nieuport.	146	313
„	27	License	For Rob. Rich, grandchild of the Earl of Warwick, to transport 3 geldings from Rye to France.	—	313

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Date.		To	Subject.	References.	
1656.				I. 77.	I. 112.
May	29	Pass	For Mary Knight and child for Flushing	156	—
„	„	„	For Peter Lely and Hugh May, his servant, to Holland, on request of Lord Strickland	150	313
„	„	„	For Thos. Mucklow to Holland	156	314
„	„	„	For Geo. Mackewry to France	—	314
„	„	„	For Walter Bare to Ireland	156	316
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June	3	Comrs. of Excise	To permit Ambassador Nieuport to take up a fother of Rhenish wine, free of excise	159	314
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„	„	Pass	For John Stevens and servant to France	—	315
„	„	„	For Col. Rob. Sydney and servant to Holland	161	322
„	„	License	„ to transport 4 horses from Gravesend to Holland	161	322
„	4	„	For the French ambassador to transport from Dover to France 12 horses for M. de Bellievre, Chief President of the Parliament of Paris, custom free.	159	316
„	5	Pass	For Fras. Fane and 2 servants to Holland	—	315
„	9	License	For Maj.-Gen. Wm. Goffe to transport 4 horses from London to France	—	316
„	10	Pass	For Jonathan Fletcher, minister to Col. Wm. Killigrew's regiment in Holland, to Holland	—	317
„	„	„	For Katherine More, Jane her sister, and 2 servants to Holland	—	317
„	„	„	For Roger Begg to Ireland	—	317
„	„	License	For Giles Vandeput, merchant of London, to transport for France a set of coach harness	173	317
„	„	Pass	For Hen. Robinson, servant to Lieut.-Col. Dolman, with 2 brace of greyhounds and one couple of beagles, to Holland.	—	318
„	„	License	For Lord Fras. Paulett to transport 2 horses from Rye to France	173	318
„	„	Pass	For Michael Constance, Lord Paulett's servant, to France	—	318
„	„	License	For Isaac Gawry to transport 2 horses from Rye to France	173	319
„	„	„	For Roger Thornton „ „ Dover „	173	323
„	„	„	For Cornet John Brockhurst „ 4 „ „ „	173	324
„	12	Pass	For Alex. Goffe and servant to Germany	—	320
„	„	„	For Peter Plunket to Holland	—	320
„	13	„	For Cecil Tufton and 2 servants to France	—	319
„	„	„	For Geo. Palmes, his nephew, Wm. Palmes, and a servant to Holland	—	319
„	19	License	For Lord Claypole, Master of the Horse, to export 4 horses from Dover	185	321
„	„	„	For Sir John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower „ „ London	185	I. 114. 6

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1656. June 20	Pass -	For Clement Griffen, her children and maid, to Holland - - - - -	I. 77. —	I. 113. 321
„ 24	License - -	For Ambassador Bourdeaux to import 6 Flanders coach horses, custom free, for his own use	193	I. 114 1
„ „	„ - -	„ to export „ „ „ from Dover to France	—	1
„ „	„ - -	For Ant. Bess „ 2 horses from Dover to France - - -	193	1
„ „	„ - -	For Jas. Sacheverell „ 1 horse „ Holland - - -	193	2
„ „	„ -	For Col. Wm. Cromwell „ 2 horses from Gravesend to Holland - -	193	2
„ 26	„ - -	For John Mallack „ 1 horse from Topsham - - - -	—	2
„ „	Pass - -	For Mrs. Clement Griffin, children, and maid to Holland - - - - -	208	—
„ „	„ - -	For John Tracy and 2 servants to [France], on desire of Col. Hen. Cromwell - -	208	—
„ „	„ - -	For two sons of Dr. Chamberlain, with their servants to France - - - -	208	2
„ „	„ - -	For Mrs. Wheeler, 4 children, 3 maids, and a man to Holland - - - -	208	2
„ „	„ - -	For Geo. Sanderson and servant to France - - - - - - -	208	6
„ 27	„ - -	For Hen. Sherard, brother to Lord Sherard, Wm. Palmes, and 2 servants to France -	208	3

WARRANTS of the PROTECTOR and COUNCIL for PAYMENT of MONEY.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 76.	I. 105.
1655. Nov. 20	G. Frost	Ambrose Randolph	For three quarters' salary as keeper of the Paper Office, Whitehall.	120	0	0	—	185
" 30	"	Peter Sterry	For a half-year's salary as preacher at Whitehall	100	0	0	—	182
" "	"	Lieut.-Col. Roseworm	For a quarter's salary	45	10	0	—	183
" "	"	John Phillips	For removing the provisions of war at Bristol to Chepstow Castle, on his Highness's order of 24 July last.	11	0	0	405	202
Dec. 18	"	Serjeant Dendy	For lodging and diet for prisoners	76	2	0	384	181
" "	"	11 Council messengers	For riding charges and journeys	105	19	9		
" "	"	10 Serjeants' deputies	" " expense about prisoners	334	10	6		
" "	"	Rich. Scutt	For a year's firing for Council	126	16	0		
" "	"	"	For ½ year's papers, candles, &c. for Council	91	17	0		
" "	"	Rich. Nutt, barge-master, and the watermen.	For attending ambassadors	79	8	0		
" 20	"	Wm. Williams	For printing the weekly bills of mortality, one quarter.	2	12	0	—	182
" "	"	Lady Rebecca Williams	One quarter's rent for her house	75	0	0	—	183
" "	"	Marchmond Needham	For half a year's salary	50	0	0	—	183
" "	"	12 house officers at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary	72	10	0	—	186
" "	"	Edw. Flower	Reward for his services in discovering Hanham's design upon the Exchequer.	20	0	0	398	187
" 21	"	Hugh Peters	For half a year's salary as one of the preachers at Whitehall.	100	0	0	—	190
" 25	"	Gawen Hudson	For charge of Edw. Rolt, envoy to Sweden, on a bill drawn on Sec. Thurloe by Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg.	300	0	0	433	187
1655–6. Jan. 11	"	Penelope Selwyn	For the funeral of Lady Shirley, and payment of her debts.	15	0	0	456	188

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	*s.*	*d.*		
1655–6. Jan. 11	G. Frost	Elizabeth, wife of Lieut.-Col. Edw. Allyn.	Her husband being now in service in Ireland; on her petition.	20	0	0	I. 76. 470	I. 105. 188
,, ,,	,,	Col. Rowland Dawkins	For 17 days' pay for a troop of horse raised by him in South Wales.	56	0	0	—	192
,, 18	,,	Thomas Bury and Stephen Seeres, porters at Whitehall.	For firing for the Porter's Lodge to be expended on approval of Mr. Embree, surveyor.	6	0	0	465	188
,, ,,	,,	Thomas Simons, chief graver and medal maker.	On account	300	0	0	476	189
,, ,,	,,	Dr. Walter Walker, advocate.	For three quarters' salary	75	0	0	—	189
,, ,,	,,	Clement Kinnersley	For furnishing Sir Abr. Williams' house for the reception of the Genoese, Spanish, Swedish, and Venetian ambassadors.	29	12	0	476	190
,, ,,	,,	Lord Lambert	For fire and candles for the guards in and about Whitehall.	40	0	0	476	190
,, 25	,,	11 Council messengers	For riding charges and journeys	78	15	8	495	191
,, ,,	,,	9 Serjeants' deputies and Hum. Holden.	,, ,, prisoners, travelling, &c.	275	13	3	495	191
,, ,,	,,	Edward Dendy, Serjeant-at-Arms.	For lodgings and diet for prisoners	83	14	0	495	192
,, ,,	,,	Richard Scutt	For stationery, lights, sweet waters, candlesticks, lanthorns, &c., for Council, one quarter.	61	7	0	495	193
,, ,,	,,	Rich. Nutt, master of the barges.	For bringing up the Venetian ambassador, 3 Oct. 1655.	8	8	10	495	200
,, 31	,,	Nich. Bond	For acting as steward for the entertainment of the Venetian ambassadors.	30	0	0	459	197
,, ,,	,,	John Mushee	For acting as master cook for the entertainment of the Venetian ambassadors.	20	0	0	459	197
,, ,,	,,	Lady Rebecca Williams	For her house, ready furnished, in the Palace Yard, one quarter.	75	0	0	—	197
,, ,,	,,	Theophilus Green	For the widow of John Predrow, for a chest of her husband's delivered to Green.	5	0	0	—	201

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Date.		By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
					£	s.	d.		
1655-6. Jan.	31	Nich. Bond	G. Frost	Balance in hand for defraying the charges of the Venetian ambassadors' entertainment.	37	10	7½	I. 76. —	I. 105. 201
Feb.	15	Gual. Frost	Phillip Meadows	Disbursed for coach hire to public ministers and other public charges from Oct. 1654 to Jan. 1655-6.	8	12	0	550	194
"	"	"	Lieut.-Col. Arnop	For fire and candles for the guards at Whitehall from 27 Sept. 1655 to 1 April 1656.	13	6	6	550	195
"	"	"	Thos. Green, mayor of Lynn.	For building a guard house there, and for candles and coals for the guards of the late Sir Wm. Constable's regiment from 11 March to 3 Sept. 1655, on account, attested by Lieut.-Col. Biscoe.	29	12	5½	550	196
"	21	"	Phil. Meadows	In advance upon his agency to Portugal	300	0	0	561	—
"	28	"	" "	For 2 quarters' salary due to 1 Jan. last, he having to go speedily to Portugal on his Highness's service.	100	0	0	569	—
"	29	"	"	For 1 quarter's salary as Latin Secretary, up to 30 March.	50	0	0	569	193
"	"	"	Lieut.-Col. Roseworm	A quarter's salary as engineer general	45	10	0	—	198
"	"	"	Jas. Morgan, servant to Mr. Shepherd.	For services relating to the public	25	0	0	526	198
"	"	"	12 household officers in Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary	72	10	0	—	198
"	"	"	Wm. Seaman	For contingent charges of the Committee for Trade and Navigation.	50	0	0	—	194
"	"	"	William Hull William Leawood	For attendance on the Committee of Parliament for regulating the law in 1653.	6 3	13 6	4 8	— —	195 195
"	"	"	Edw. Dendy	For fee and board wages for himself and servant as serjeant-at-arms to the late Public Revenue Commissioners.	100	0	0	—	196
"	"	"	Peter Sterry	For one quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall.	50	0	0	—	197
"	"	"	Elizabeth, widow of Alex. Robinson, late usher to Council.	For her relief	6	13	4	—	199

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.		
1655–6. Feb. 29	Gual. Frost	Thomas Cawood	As assistant clerk to the Committee of Parliament for Petitions, July to Dec. 1653.	5	0	0	I. 76. —	I. 105. 200
,, ,,	,,	Wm. Williams	For printing the bills of mortality, one quarter.	2	10	0	—	201
Mar. 4	,,	Marchmond Needham	For one quarter's salary	25	0	0	—	202
,, 6	,,	Col. Wm. Lockhart	In advance for his journey into France	800	0	0	573	199
1656. April 1	,,	Major Sam. Bull	For his charges about Col. Thomas Harrison and other prisoners in the Isle of Wight.	30	0	0	I. 77. 13	I. 106. 1
,, 3	,,	Lady Rebecca Williams	For one quarter's rent for her house, ready furnished, in the Palace Yard, and reserved for the entertainment of ambassadors.	75	0	0	—	1
,, 9	,,	Lady Robina, relict of Dr. Peter French.	Due to her late husband at his death for 9 months' salary as preacher at Whitehall.	150	0	0	I. 76. 573	2
,, ,,	,,	Col. Wm. Lockhart	For four months' allowance on bills of exchange for procuring moneys at his removing into France as resident from his Highness.	480	0	0	I. 77. 32	2
,, 22	,,	Amy Bicherton	For relief of herself and children	10	0	0	—	3
,, ,,	,,	Peter Sterry	A quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall	50	0	0	—	3
,, ,,	,,	Col. Francis White	To be paid to Elizabeth Pinckney on a Council order of 18 April on her petition, to enable her to return to her friends.	2	0	0	64	3
,, 24	,,	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For three quarters' salary and cleaning the passages at Whitehall.	112	10	0	—	4
May 8	,,	Lieut.-Col. Brampston	Towards defraying his expedition to Jamaica	50	0	0	—	4
,, 12	,,	Col. Wm. Crowne	Disbursed by him for security of Shrewsbury in the time of the late insurrection.	37	0	0	—	4
,, 27	,,	Wm. Williams	For printing the bills of mortality, one quarter	2	10	0	—	8
,, 29	,,	Lieut.-Col. John Roseworm.	For one quarter's salary	45	10	0	—	6
,, 30	,,	12 household servants at Whitehall.	,, ,,	72	10	0	—	5
,, ,,	,,	Marchmond Needham	For a quarter's salary	25	0	0	—	12
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1656.
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Certificate by Wm. Chamberlayne and Gervase Locke to the honest and civil demeanour of Capt. John Pearse, who was a commander of merchant vessels for 20 years, but left his gainful merchandising affairs to enter the State's service, was dangerously hurt in the wars with the Dutch, and cured at his own expense. [*Vol. CXXVI., Nos.* **151–156**.]

April. Notes by John Greene of ships at Deptford, with the number of men on board and other particulars, 3 March to 14 April 1656. [8 *papers.*] [*Vol. CXXXIX., Nos.* **129–136**.]

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